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## THE TOWN



Birdseye View of Whitesburg, Letcher County, Kentucky.

## HISTORICAL

**L**ETCHER COUNTY was created by the acts of the Legislature of 1842 from parts of Harlan, Perry and Pike counties and named after the then Governor Robert P. Letcher. Dougherty White, of Clay county, was then the Representative in the Legislature and was very instrumental in having the county made and so Whitesburg, the county seat, was named for him.

The first court that convened in the county met near the mouth of Pert creek in the old Moses Adams house which is still standing. For some time it was undecided as to where the county seat should be located, some wanting it on the ground where the first court was held, but about this time Hiram Hogg proposed to and did deed ten acres of ground to the county on the spot where the county seat now stands and so this location was chosen. The first Courthouse was built in 1844 and 1845 and stood till about 1899 when it was succeeded by the present up-to-date and commodious building, shown on this page.

For years and years after the formation of the county but little progress was made. The people residing here put in a great deal of their time in fishing, hunting wild bees and wild game all of which at that time was plentiful in this country. They were a hardy, strong and healthy people and could easily live without much effort. Scarcely a thing was imported for private use. The women manufactured with their own hands much of the clothing worn. Railroads had scarcely been heard of and many of our citizens who had business at the State Capital would walk the distance. People would travel fifteen or twenty miles to help their neighbors roll logs and make fences. Most every housekeeper had his own little still-house, whisky was almost as plentiful as the waters that run in the creeks and branches and it was the purest that ever dripped from a worm. Strange to say, it was very seldom that a man got drunk.

Most all the people who settled

in what is now Letcher county came from North Carolina and Virginia and were of the very purest Anglo-Saxon. They, both men and women, were mostly big, brawny and muscular and in a foot race, a fist combat or any other feat that required alertness they were the equal of any. It is generally believed that about twenty-five different named generations settled in this section. These married and intermarried along afterward until within a few years almost everybody became directly or indirectly related. The same is true now as then.

From the best information we can gather Nathaniel Collins was the first County Judge and John T. Williams was the first County Court Clerk. They were each elected by the Justices. These Justices retained their offices by virtue of having been officers of the mother counties from which the new county was formed. The first court held where the county seat now is was held in a house as big as the world—under the shade of a beech tree. Of course the records were poorly kept and that accounts partly for the poor data we now have. Besides, the late Civil War played havoc with most of the records.

This article is not intended to deal very greatly with the first history of Letcher county, but rather its purpose is to talk concerning it now. Letcher county as is generally known lies at the extreme Southeastern end of the State and in the Appalachian highlands. Originally it was covered almost entirely by virgin forests of all kinds of timber indigenous to a hill country and in a climate like this. A great percent of the big poplars and giant black walnuts have already felt the woodman's axe and on the bosom of the streams which their boughs shaded have floated away and today beyond the seas the homes of the rich are made more palatial thereby. Though on almost every hillside and along the hundreds of ridges and spurs stands millions of the hard-woods as yet almost untouched, while in some sections many big poplars still stand, monuments to what

were but now are not. It is likely that at this time more than four-fifths of the county is yet uncleared and our farmers are beginning to realize the importance of economizing their forests.

To speak of the mineral wealth of Letcher county is to speak of her coal beds alone, for it is very probable that no other mineral

## AN ODE TO THE MOUNTAINS

At the dawn of creation  
Far back in the ages,  
Ere things had been written  
On history's bright pages,  
In the shaping and arranging  
Of Him who speaks and 'tis done,  
There was a special provision  
By this All-wise one.

This wisdom anchored forth  
From the parapets on high  
And moulded, shaped the matter,  
To please its omniscient eye,  
O'er hill and plain and dale,  
Like lightning's rapid move,  
It lighted on the mountains,  
There to remain and love.

On the hills of old Judea  
And on the plains at their feet,  
His eye looked ever forward  
His creation there to greet,  
On historic Golgotha's hill,  
Its features bathed in tears,  
Stood the King of all the earth  
To conquer all our fears.

Never, never in the valleys,  
But high, high upon the hills,  
There have blessings e'er descended  
And that to cure human ills.  
It was thus in Divine Creation  
When all things passed before,  
He showered a thousand blessings,  
Yes, a thousand of them or more.

Our hills, He decked in splendor,  
'Neath them placed wealth untold;  
Above, the purest air and water—  
Worth more than gauzy gold.  
Made our manhood full of vigor,  
Our women pure and true,  
And our hills were filled with virtue,  
Yes, filled through and through.

When God shall end his purpose  
And step from off his throne,  
When everything terrestrial  
Shall tremble, fear and groan,  
Above the moving squadron,  
Decked in gorgeous frills,  
Will come in solid phalanx  
The people of the hills.

O, God, thou King of Heaven,  
Grant us this special prayer:  
Teach us to do our duty  
In all things just and fair,  
Teach us to live in righteousness,  
In union and in love,  
That when our tasks are ended  
We may reign in peace above.

exists to any extent in paying quantities. Aside from this, and reasoning from what is no news to the commercial world, there is enough coal in Letcher county, exclusive of the great beds lying all around her in other counties, to light up the world and fire its industries for a thousand years. Big talk, this, isn't it? Well,

## THE BIRD



The Emblem of Our Country, the Pride of Every Mountaineer's Heart.

## HISTORICAL

when you begin to figure on the amount of coal in a single vein from eight to thirteen feet in thickness spread over at least three hundred thousand acres of land. Besides, there are ever so many different veins. The best coal by far is in the Boone, Elkhorn, Millstone and Upper Rockhouse regions though good judges say that while the coal is thickest in these regions it is equally fair in all other sections of the county. No less than fifty per cent. of the coal area of the county is owned by foreign corporations including such big concerns as the Northern Coal & Coke Company, the Mineral Development Company and the Rockhouse Realty Company. Other concerns own big areas but we have not their names at hand. In the Cumberland and Black Mountain regions of the county the coal is said to be of equal value to any. As yet these great coal fields are untouched and a great portion of our people stand ready to welcome the magic hand of development. They believe that they stand on the edge of a dawning day that will break to light and show to the world the greatest and richest coal-fields the earth has ever known.

At this time agriculture on a local scale is the occupation of nine-tenths of the people. From a rough and rugged hill-land they are drawing succulence and in a strict sense happy and contented. They are nearest Anglo-Saxon, nearest primal, nearest heaven and next to God. The county is blessed in a thousand ways. The air is sifted by ethereal dews, the water is as pure as that that flowed in Edenic vales. There are few murders, thieves and rogues, no locks on the chicken coops and the latch-string to every mans door hangs on the out-side. The possum and the coon, the panther and the fox, the rabbit and the squirrel, the turkey and the pheasant make jolly in the forest.

Whitesburg, the county seat, has the pre-eminence of being the only town in the county. It is over three times a voter and to be accurate has three hundred

inhabitants. It has six good general stores over twice as many practicing attorneys, five good physicians, carpenters, mechanics, farmers and all other professions except loafers and tatterers. It has a good public school building, the equal of any court house and jail in the mountains, three different fraternal orders, two good drug stores, three good church buildings, one of the strongest banks in the state, two good hotels, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop and a printing office. There is a telephone system that penetrates almost every section of the county and puts us in direct connection with all the outside world.

### Wesley Banks.

We could not do justice to the industrial and business interest of Letcher county without a short mention of Wesley Banks. The truth is Wesley Banks is the pioneer teacher of the public schools of the county and has done more for the common schools of Letcher county than any man in the profession. From the beginning he is a self-made man and though now beyond forty-five his ambition is just as high and his courage just as bold as when he first entered the field. May he live forever and his courage never abate.

### A. A. Sergent

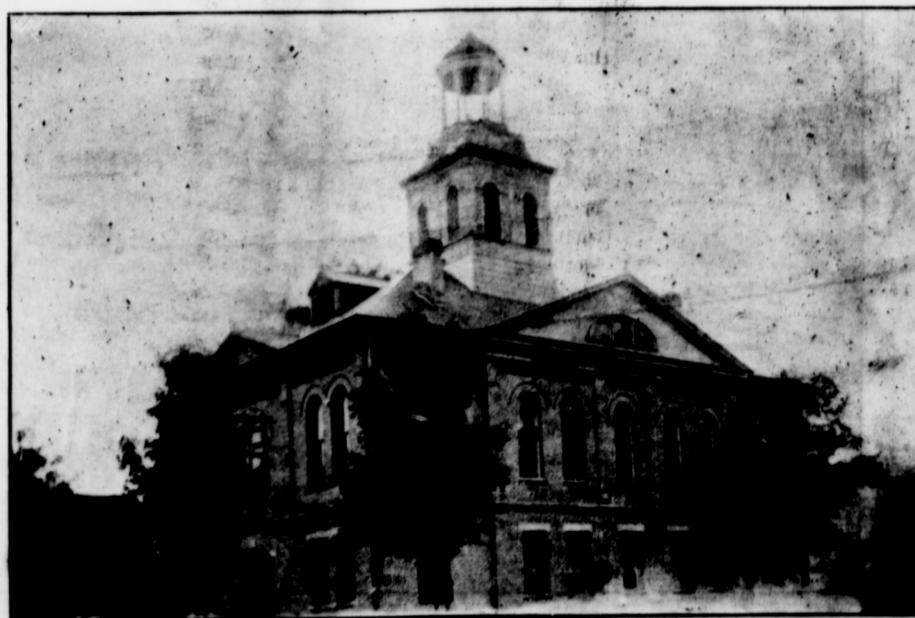
Among the popular traveling men of Letcher county is Mr. Arch A. Sergent the subject of this sketch. Mr. Sergent was born on Colly creek in Letcher county something over thirty years ago. He prepared himself for teaching when young and followed that profession for some time. Then he engaged in merchandising and was a success till a disastrous fire wiped up his earnings and he went on the road for the well known firm the Norton Grocery Company of Norton Va. Mr. Sergent is a son of ex-sheriff Wilson Sergent and a son-in-law of James H. Mullins of Ovenfork. He is capable and industrious and has a large concourse of firm friends all over the country. He now resides at Ovenfork this county and has a number of bright and interesting children.

## THE MAN



NEHEMIAH MARK WEBB

BIOGRAPHY—For the first fifteen years of his life an awkward boy, for the next twenty years an awkward but earnest school teacher, for the next five years a civil (?) engineer, (still awkward) and now the awkward but ambitious Editor of the Mountain Eagle.



LETCHER'S TEMPLE OF JUSTICE.

# Grand Views in Good Old Letcher County as Seen Through the Camera

Churches, Residences, Business Houses,  
Family Groups, Militiamen, So-  
cial Set, and Miscellaneous  
Pictures.



FAMILY OF JOHN W. HALE



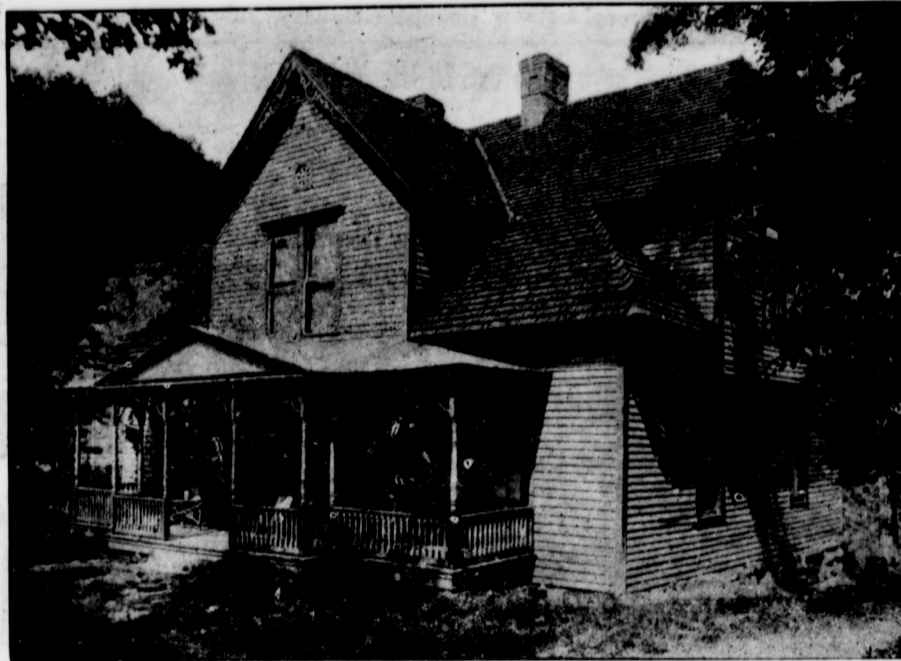
FOUR OF A KIND



HOME OF S. G. FAIRCHILD



In the Shadow of Moonshine



Residence of Attorney L. W. Fields.



Residence of Judge James P. Lewis.



Union Bank Building.



Detachment of Co. E 2nd Inf. Taken While on Duty in Night-Rider District.

Choice Collection Gathered Together  
Expressly for the Industrial Edi-  
tion of the Noble Moun-  
tain Bird.



FAMILY OF JAMES P. LEWIS



IN THE YOUNGER SET

Top Row—Millard Baker, Lizzie Williams, Karl E. Davis and Wife.  
Bot. Row—Myrtle Webb, Wilson Fields, Helen Salyer, Ed. Williams.

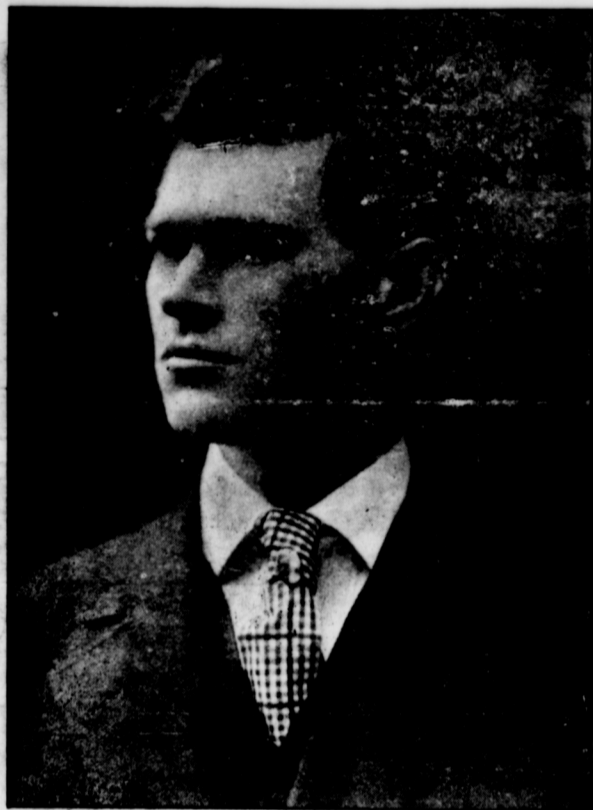


M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH



The Old Mill Swimming-Hole of Our Youth

## Prominent Young Letcherite.



SAMUEL COLLINS

No young man in the mountains with equal chances has arose in the estimation of the public faster than the subject of this sketch. Born on Sandlick, in Letcher county, he attended the district school, attaining a fair education and in early youth began the struggle for competence by himself. In 1903 he was appointed postmaster at Whitesburg and

served in that capacity for two years, resigning to accept a position in the Internal Revenue Department under Collector Cooper. He served one year in the office at Danville and has since been a field Deputy Collector. Samuel Collins is one of our most popular young men and has a great number of loyal friends and acquaintances throughout the mountains.

## E. B. Hale

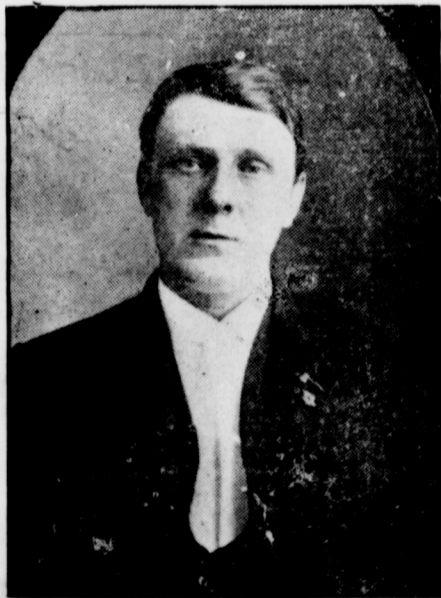
On the roster of the leading and best teachers of the county stands the name of E. B. Hale. He is about 38 years of age and is a son of the late W. R. Hale, once an excellent citizen of Rockhouse. He is a son-in-law of ex-sheriff Wilson Sargent, of Colly, and a grandson of the late Judge Nathaniel Collins. Mr. Hale early in life manifested a strong interest in education and from the very start became one of the closest of students. His education was mostly obtained in the common schools and today he is regarded as one of the best qualified and most proficient teachers in the county. He has had about fifteen years experience in educational work. Last spring Mr. Hale became a candidate for County School Superintendent but lost out by a small vote. He will be engaged in school work at Whitesburg this year.

## L. Dow Collins.

The subject of this sketch was born on Rockhouse, creek in Letcher county in 1875 and was reared on a farm. He is a son of the late Bob Collins who died when L. D. Collins was quite small. His mother is still living and was the daughter of Randall Adams a member of the large Adams family in this county. Mr. Collins secured a good common school education but has always been a farmer, by profession. He married one of the daughters of Watson G. Caudill at this place. Dow Collins is the owner of a good farm near his birth-place besides some good property in Whitesburg. For the last year or so he has resided at this place. He is one of our best citizens and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances all over the county.

OUR JOB PRINTING IS BEST

## Popular Publisher and Editor

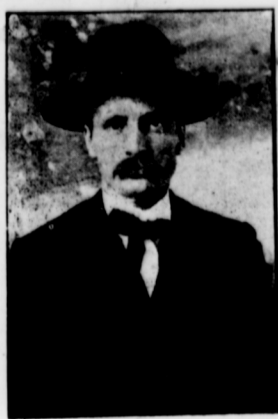


WARREN M. MEEK.

Warren M. Meek is the successful pioneer in the newspaper field in the Sandy Valley. He is the editor and owner of the Paintsville, Pikeville and Prestonburg Heralds, and his newspapers are popular throughout

the State. He is a brother-in-law of Hon. J. C. Mayo, the well known capitalist and philanthropist. Warren Meek is an aggressive newspaper writer and stands high in that fraternity.

## Popular Baptist Minister.



ELD. W. R. EGGS.

Will R. Boggs, of Eolia, is a popular minister of the Regular Baptist church and is held in high repute by his great host of friends. Mr. Boggs is postmaster at Eolia and is one of the best of officials. He belongs to one of the largest and best families in the county.

## Justice H. T. Day

To write of Letcher county's industrial and business interests without a short sketch of Hen T. Day would be very incomplete. Mr. Day comes from one of our best families in this county and has always shown himself as one of its boldest defenders. He is thoroughly competent for any business and is wide-awake along all business lines. Four years ago he was elected a justice of the county and has made a good official, taking great interest in public improvements. He is another worthy citizen who has never held county office. Letcher county ought to be and is proud of such a citizen as Justice Hen T. Day.

## Probable County Assessor



GEO. M. ADAMS.

George M. Adams is a native of Letcher county, is a son of Assessor Elihu Adams and twenty-six years old. He belongs to one of the oldest and largest families in the county. Mr. Adams after an arduous struggle was nominated for Assessor and will make a formidable candidate in November. George Adams is a very popular man and has an innumerable host of friends and ardent admirers.

## Thos. A. Dixon.

T. A. Dixon was born and reared on a mountain farm and by hard work managed to get education enough to begin teaching. From the first he made himself popular in the profession. Four years ago he was elected a Justice of the Peace for mouth of Rockhouse precinct and has been a tower in trying to build up his home county. He is an ardent, earnest, faithful worker and is enthusiastic in doing what he can to build up the civilization of the county and is still a teacher. Tom Dixon has a bright future before him.

## FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY



R. MONROE FIELDS.

Born January 24, 1881, in a small log cabin on the head of Kings Creek, in Letcher county. He is a son of M. C. Fields, a farmer and country merchant, still living on Kings Creek, and is a grandson of Elder R. H. Fields of the Baptist church, of which church he is himself a member. He is a son-in-law of Attorney S. C. Tyree, formerly of Whitesburg, but now of London, Ky.

He began studying law at seventeen and was admitted to the bar at twenty-one. In 1904 he was graduated from the Law Department of the University of Louisville, and since his graduation

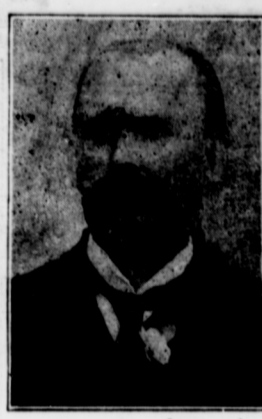
he has been actively engaged in the practice of law at Whitesburg.

He was reared on a farm and received his early educational training at the common schools of the county, having attended school at various places in the county.

Mr. Fields has a set of clients of whom he is well pleased, and to them you are referred as to his ability in his profession, a set of satisfied clients being the best recommendation a lawyer can have.

Mr. Fields is the Republican nominee for County Attorney of Letcher county to be voted for next November.

## Well Known Local Attorney



JUD E. S. E. BAKER

Among the first to penetrate the hills of what is now Letcher county were the ancestors of Judge S. E. Baker. Born and reared on a farm, he attended the public and private schools within his reach and soon qualified himself as a teacher. In this profession he worked faithfully for many years. Afterward he secured a position in the government service at Washington and was employed there for quite awhile. While thus employed he attended a law school and was admitted to the bar. Resigning his position at the Capital he returned home. Immediately after his arrival he was elected County Judge of this county and served with distinction throughout the term. In a few years he arose high in his profession and at this time is regarded as one of the best at the bar. Judge Baker is Commissioner of Internal Revenue for this district and is a popular official. He is a member of the M. E. church, South, at this place and is a faithful and consistent worker.

## A Bright Young Man.



PHILIE DUG

The above is a good representation of Billie Vermillion, one of the bright young men of our town. This young man is fairly well educated, has excellent business qualifications and is popular wherever known. For years he has represented a Louisville wholesale firm and is well acquainted all over the mountains.

EAGLE \$1 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## Harrison Banks.

Letcher county never had a more popular citizen than the subject of this little sketch. At an early age he qualified himself for teaching and for a great number of years followed this profession. He is now about fifty years of age and aside from a rheumatic trouble in one of his legs is strong and healthy. He has always stood firmly for the county's advancement. Being honest sober and discreet he numbers his friends by the thousands. He has never had an office but has merited many honors never granted.

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## Leading Attorney of Leslie County



JAMES G. BEGLEY.

Mr. Begley is quite a young man, yet by persistent effort and hard work he has raised himself to the head of his profession in his own county and is rapidly approaching the same throughout the 33rd Judicial district. He is brilliant, able, earnest and faithful.

ful, as a companion and friend he is devoted, lovable and loyal. Mr. Begley was recently married to Miss Docia Davis, a handsome belle of Hazard, Perry county. We predict for him success in whatever he undertakes.

## J. H. Gibson

"Hop" Gibson is one of the substantial citizens of Whitesburg and Letcher county. He was born about forty years ago in Scott county, Va., and comes from one of the best families of the "Old Dominion." He is a grandson of the late Stephen J. Caudill and son-in-law of Uncle Steve Adams, one of our best citizens residing on Little Cowan. In early life "Hop" Gibson, after the manner of his father who was an expert carpenter, took to this trade himself and at this time a peer in his profession would be difficult to find in the mountains. Educated, moral, religious and intellectual, "Hop" Gibson is one of the soundest of men. He is a prominent Mason and Red Man and a member of the First Baptist church. He enjoys the highest respect and confidence of all his acquaintances. He has never held an office and will likely never aspire to do so.

## John A. Craft

About the middle of the nineteenth century Judge John A. Craft was born on Colly creek in Letcher county. He was equally educated as any in his day and for a number of years was a teacher in the public schools. In early manhood he became a member of the Regular Baptist church and was soon ordained as a minister and has traveled hundreds of miles over the mountains to attend services and to preach. Judge Craft has been very greatly honored with offices. First as we remember he was elected jailer and held that office one term. He engaged in merchandising for a great number of years. He served one term as County Court Clerk, two or three terms as Circuit Court Clerk of the county and is now the County Judge. He has made a faithful and proficient officer. He is well acquainted throughout Eastern Kentucky and number his friends by the thousands.

## Well Known County Official



ROBERT BRYANT BENTLEY

R. B. Bentley was born in Alexander county, North Carolina, in 1849 and came to Letcher county in 1869 with his parents and settled on the head waters of the Kentucky river. He was educated in the public and private schools and taught for thirteen years. In 1885 Mr. Bentley lost his legs in a railroad accident near Chicago, Ill. In 1886 he

was elected Circuit Court Clerk of the county. In 1895 he was elected County Court Clerk and served about twelve years. At the Republican primary held last April he was again nominated for County Court Clerk. He has made one of the best officials the county has ever had. Bryant Bentley is a big, brave, honest mountaineer and is one of the most popular of men.

### Coke Ovens in Letcher County



The outside world to a great extent may not know that there are some coke ovens at least in Letcher county. These ovens are on the head of Elkhorn and were built at a great expense by the Northern Coal and Coke Co. for coke testing purposes. Thorough tests were made from coal taken from various localities over the county and the product was found to equal that of the best coking coal in the world.

### A Big Tree.



The above is one of the thousands of pictures that could be taken in Letcher county. This tree still stands on the head of Wright's Fork of Boone creek and is over thirty feet in circumference.

### A Popular Minister



Eld. W. P. Fryman, Pastor of the M. E. Church at Whitesburg.

### Three Charming Whitesburg Belles



MISS RACHEL FIELDS,  
Daughter of Hon. Ira Fields.



MISS EFFIE SALYER  
Daughter of Col. L. H. N. Salyer



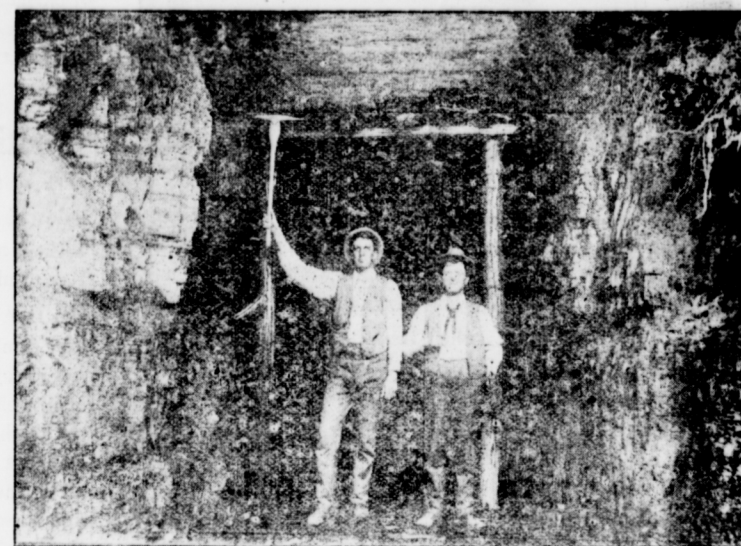
MISS HELEN SALYER  
Daughter of D. W. Salyer

### A Massive Coal Bank



The above shows one of the largest dressed and faced coal openings on Millstone Creek in this county. Two natives are shown, both large men.

### Can the World Beat It?



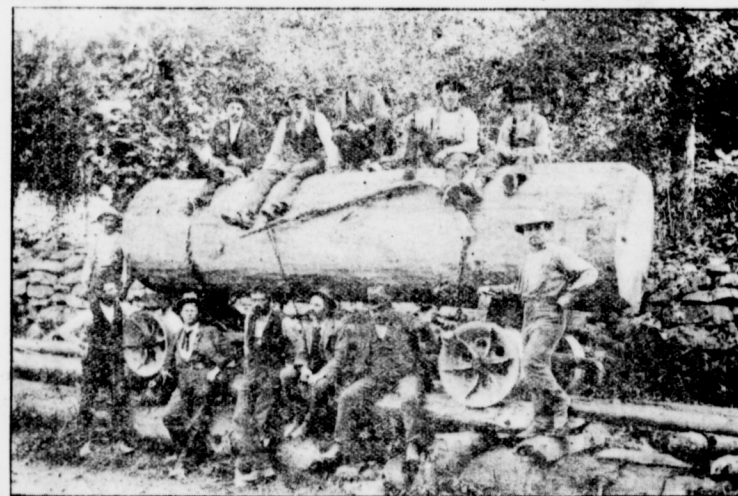
Here are two men, John C. C. Mayo and D. J. Chandler, standing in the mouth of a coal opening near Ben Potter's on Elkhorn. This coal is over eleven feet thick and according to thorough test is the equal of any coking coal in the world.

### An Elegant Home in Our Little Town



Residence of Hon. Ira Fields, Whitesburg, Ky.

### How it is Done in the Mountains.



Moving Big log on head of Elkhorn.

### Attorney and Postmaster



FELIX G. FIELDS.

Mr. Fields is one of the best educated practicing Attorneys at the bar at this place. He is a graduate of the Law Department of the University of Louisville and has just finished a Literary course at Valparaiso Ind. He is now postmaster at this place.

### A Well Known Engineering Corps of the Mountains.



From left to right—Fayette Banks, Bob Day, Engineer S. H. Fields, J. M. Bentley, Josh Hogg.

### A Bright Young Man.



JOHN M. ADAMS.

John M. Adams is a son of Stephen Adams of near this place and is one of our brightest young men. He is about twenty-five years of age and in a few days will be graduated from Bryant and Stratton's Business College at Louisville. He has bright prospects for success before him.

## Rapidly Rising Attorney



David Hays

The above is a moderately good representation of Attorney David Hays, of this place. Mr. Hays was born in Knott county in 1872 and is an example of the self-made man. His father, Captain Anderson Hays, is one of the oldest and best known men in the mountains. David Hays by dint of hard efforts on his own part secured a common school education and when a mere boy engaged in teaching. For eleven years he was a faithful worker in this cause. In the midst of his career as a teacher he married the daughter of John L. Holcomb, a good citizen of Linefork, this county, and become one of our citizens. While teaching he gathered a few law books and began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1899. In 1904 he located at Whitesburg and began practicing. For some time it was an uphill push but success always comes to those who deserve it. Today David Hays stands high up in his profession and is rapidly climbing higher. He is one of our hardest workers. Being of a pleasant and sociable nature he makes friends wherever he goes and is now one of the best known men in the county and in the 33rd Judicial district.

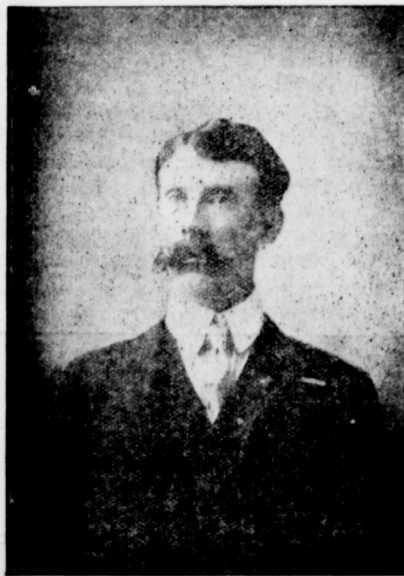
## A Faithful Official



J. P. Adams

The subject of this sketch was born on Big Cowan in this county in 1876. He was reared on a farm and attended the public and private schools of the county; he attended Prof. Clark's school at Hindman and then entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., where he finished his educational career. He began teaching in the public schools and for eight years was one of our best known teachers. In 1903 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Letcher county and is now serving in that capacity though his term will end January 1 1910. Mr. Adams stands accused of having discharged every known official obligation and stands high in the estimation of his large circle of friends. He is a consistent member of the regular Baptist church and is as yet unmarried.

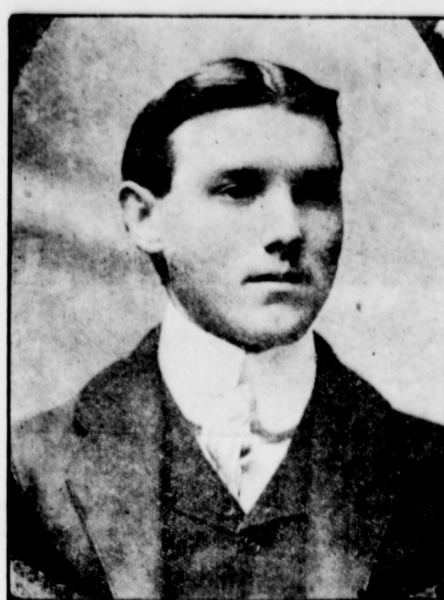
## An Internal Revenue Man



Francis M. Blair

The subject of this sketch is a son of the late Marron Blair and was born in 1876. His father died when he was quite small. He was educated in the public schools and considering his chances obtained a fair education. He entered the internal revenue service in 1903 and has made a faithful and brave officer. Francis Blair is a cool, quiet, honest and good citizen, is a great friend to the industrial and business interest of Letcher county and the mountains. He numbers his friends by the thousands.

## A Young Attorney



L. W. Fields

L. W. Fields was born in Letcher county in 1877 and is a son of Attorney D. D. Fields. He was educated in the common schools of the county and at the Holbrook Normal School, Knoxville, Tenn. He studied law and was admitted to the bar at nineteen, at that time being the youngest attorney in the State and the first to secure a license at that age. He attended a law school at Danville, Ky., in 1898 and 1899. Afterward he took a course in business and shorthand. A few years ago Mr. Fields engaged in the real estate business in this section and succeeded in making some good money. He has a good law practice, is married and has two promising children. Mr. Fields is one among our best informed citizens, is deeply interested in every move to make our country better educationally and morally. He is an upright gentleman, a member of the Baptist church here and has a wide circle of acquaintances all over the county and Eastern Kentucky.

## A Successful Salesman



James M. Day.

The subject of this sketch is a son of Justice Hen T. Day of this place and is a popular and social business man. He was educated at the public and private schools of the county and for a number of years taught in the public schools. In 1903 he graduated at Bryant and Stratton's Business College, Louisville, and at once entered upon his business career. For years he was employed by McLin, Kilbourn & Co. as a stenographer. About two years ago he accepted a position with the reliable firm of Thomas, Andrews & Co., Norton, Va., and has since been their faithful salesman in this country. He was a success from the very start and today is one of the leading traveling men in the mountains. He is married, has a handsome home, two bright children and thousands of friends all over the country.

## Our County Attorney

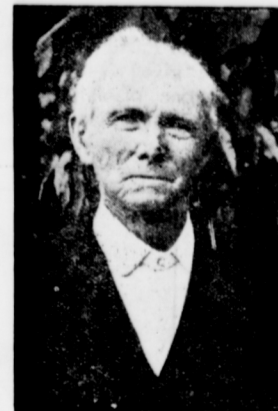


Robert Blair

The subject of this sketch was born in 1857 in Letcher county. The Civil War interfered seriously with his education though he managed to secure enough to become a teacher in the public schools and followed this calling for awhile. In 1879 he became a member of the Primitive Baptist church and in 1894 was admitted to the practice of law. In the same year he was ordained as a minister in the church to which he belonged. In 1893 he was elected County Attorney of Letcher county and again in 1896 and again 1905. It was he who was County Attorney at the time that the plans and specifications for the new Courthouse at Whitesburg were secured. Robt. Blair is one of the best known men in the mountains and has a great number of warm friends.



Sometime in the early part of the eighteenth century in Southern England a boy approaching the age of eleven was whipped by his father and sent off to school. The little home of the boy stood near the coast and the lad seeing a vessel ready to leave the shore turned to it, dashed along the gang-plank and into the cabin. The mother and sister at a distance saw the actions of the boy and conjectured his



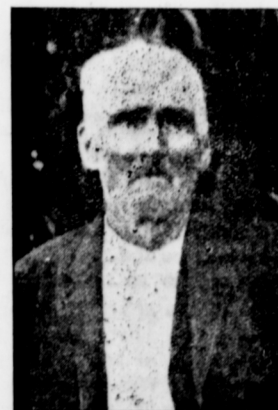
UNCLE WILEY WEBB  
Age 82.

purpose at once. They ran screaming from the house but ere they reached the coast the ship moved slowly out upon the waves. They shouted and screamed but the ship soon disappeared from their view. He was gone to return no more. For over two years immediately afterwards this same boy worked in Maryland paying for his passage to America. He was a soldier in the French and Indian wars, was with Washington at Valley Forge and at the battle of Monmouth



AUNT SALLY WEBB ADAMS  
Age 84.

was picked up from the battlefield and numbered with the dead. After the Revolution was ended this same boy, who had miraculously recovered, married and settled in North Carolina. He had a son, Benjamin, who upon reaching manhood became fired with the reports which his kinsman, Daniel Boone, brought back to North Carolina, and in company with a great number of others crossed the country and in 1806 settled in what is now



UNCLE MILES WEBB  
Age 87.

Letcher county. The first named boy was the grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather of all the Webbs in this country. The second boy mentioned was old Benjamin Webb, grandfather of the editor of this paper and the father of the three Webbs shown in this article. The first boy lived to be over a hundred, the second 95, and both died in Letcher county.

## Young Business Man and Attorney



D. I. Day

In Letcher county Kentucky in 1874 the subject of this sketch was born. He was well educated in the public schools of the county. For twelve years he was employed in teaching and was one of our most popular teachers. He entered Bryant and Stratton's Business College at Louisville and in 1904 was graduated with high honors. Upon his return to his home he was employed as Stenographer for the Mineral Development Company at this place and has held that position ever since. In 1907 he was admitted to the bar and is making considerable progress in this profession. Dug Day is one of our best all round professional and business men and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

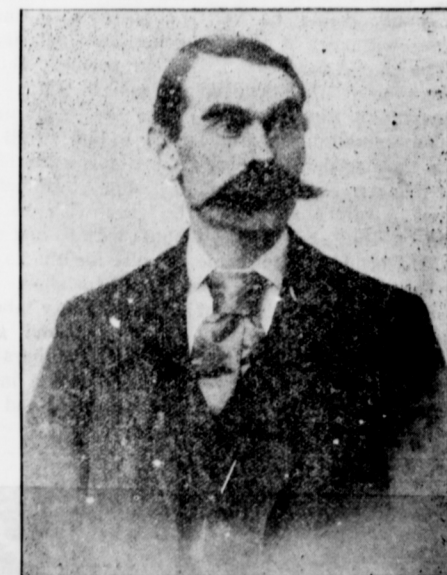
## Leading Educator



Arch C. Adams

The subject of this sketch has been for the last fifteen years closely identified with educational and business affairs of Letcher county. He is about thirty years of age and has always been a model and upright business young man. He was educated and trained in the public schools of the county and at Valparaiso, Ind. In 1891 he was nominated and elected county Superintendent of schools of Letcher county and made an efficient officer. Upon his retiring from office he was elected to a very lucrative position in the bank at this place and served faithfully therein for many years. Last year he again turned his attention to school work and is now principal of the public school at this place. Mr. Adams has always been a deep student, a hard worker in school and is a success as a teacher. He is deeply interested in the moral and educational upbuilding of the county.

## Leading Banker



Ben E. Caudill

In the year 1800 in Letcher county, Ky., the subject of this sketch was born. He was educated in the public and private schools of the county. At the age of nineteen he was married to Miss Malissa Stamper, an excellent young lady of what is now Knott county, who survived him only six years. They had three children all of whom died when very small. Mr. Caudill turned his attention to teaching and for twelve years was actively engaged in this work. In 1890 he was elected to the Kentucky Legislature and served through the long term of 1891-2. He engaged for some years in merchandising and was a member of the old firm of Lewis Bros. & Co. at this place. In 1907 he organized the Citizens Bank at this place and served as cashier of same till it was merged with Whitesburg State Bank into the Union Bank. He was elected cashier of this bank and is serving in that capacity. Mr. Caudill is one of our safe and substantial business men and has a large circle of warm friends.



Potters Fork Opening, 9 ft. thick, near Gabe Hughes'

## Eld. J. C. Day

On the head of Big Cowan a few years ago a ragged, perhaps disheartened, orphan boy trudged daily on his way to school. The twittering bird as it danced on its leafy bough encouraged him with its music. The laughing waters as they sported and frolicked along cheered him. What his thoughts were will never be known but they were the thoughts of a boy whose breast was afire with that kind of determination that will not down. From the little log schoolhouse as above mentioned to school at Whitesburg went the boy. From there to Black Mountain Academy in Harlan county and on and on till in a very short while, comparatively speaking, the voice of the subject of this sketch could be heard thundering in one of the most fashionable churches in the nation. His school-fellows on the head of Big Cowan and his friends all over the country stood aghast at the wonderful sequence of determination. When the scroll upon which is written the names of the world's heroes and the glint of the world's gaze is allowed to rest upon it, in a class

to itself will stand the names of our poor boys and one among them will be our hero. Who is it? Why, Jonathan C. Day, son of the late (Major) R. C. Day.

## John M. Riddle

The biographical sketches in the Industrial Eagle would be incomplete without one of John M. Riddle, whom most of you know. He was born in Wise county, Va. about the time the great Civil War was about to wane. His father, the late Walter R. Riddle, was in the hottest of it and on the Confederate side. More than twenty years ago Mr. Riddle came to this county with his father and has since been closely identified with the interests of our people. For a long time he was employed by the logging companies operating in this country and has branded thousands of big logs. John Riddle is a true, loyal Democrat and has ever been prominent in the councils of his party. He is an honest, earnest, citizens and numbers his friends by the thousands all over Eastern Kentucky.

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Prospectors traveling through the rugged roads of Letcher county

## Kentucky and the Southland's Greatest Financier and Philanthropist.

AN account of industrial affairs of Eastern Kentucky cannot be given without constant mention of John C. C. Mayo, of Paintsville, Johnson county; for on every hand there

became the owner of approximately three hundred thousand acres of coal lands in Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson, Letcher and Knott counties. It has expended several million dollars in

work Mr. Mayo requires.

When general development of the holdings of this company begins work for thousands of our citizens will be supplied, and for generations better economic conditions will prevail. It is Mr. Mayo's policy to develop all the property in which he is interested as soon as it is at all practicable.

Besides his stock in the Northern Coal & Coke Company he is largely interested in other land-holding companies in this section.

After his purchase of large blocks of lands in the upper Big Sandy section, so as to insure coal operations on a big scale, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway extended its line of road from Whitehouse to Elkhorn City, in Pike county, a distance of about seventy five miles. And at different places along this extension companies organized by Mr. Mayo and in which he is interested are mining and shipping coal. One of his companies is making preparations to operate on Millers creek, Johnson county, near Paintsville. A few miles of railroad will have to be built. This will be a big operation, the coal being very fine and the acreage owned by the company large. This operation will mean much to Paintsville and Johnson county.



J. C. C. MAYO

is some development of our resources under way, some deal consummated or being promoted under his direction or by some one of the many companies he has organized. His history for the last fifteen years and the history of development in the mountains are one and the same.

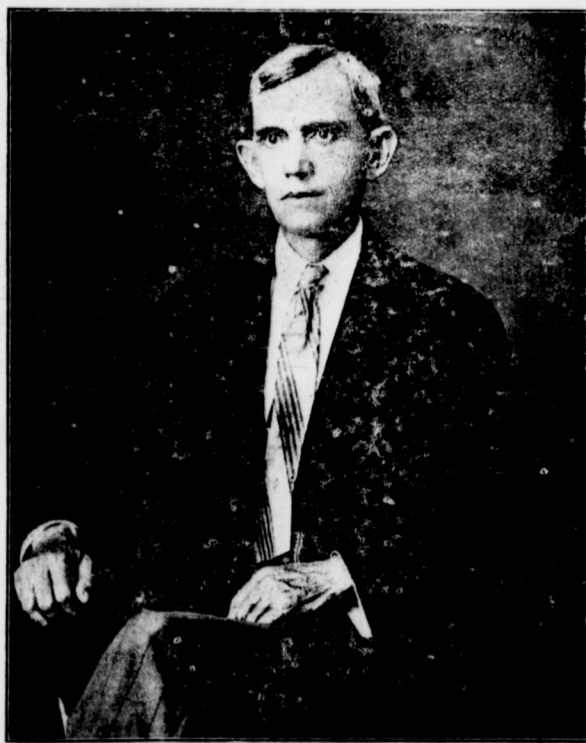
He is forty-four years of age, and was born in Pike county and reared on a farm adjacent to Paintsville, where his parents now reside. He attended the public schools of Paintsville in early life, completing his education at Millersburg, Ky., where he taught school for sometime after his course as a student.

Years ago, in his boyhood, he conceived the idea of devoting his life to the development of the natural resources of the mountain section of our state, vast in their extent, but remote from railroads and unthought of and then unsought by capitalists who alone had the money to do the work. A great deal of money was necessary for this development. No one in the mountains had it. For years Mr. Mayo devoted his time and the limited means he could command to prospecting, getting definite information of our resources, and all the time advertised our dormant wealth in every way he could, trying to present the situation to cautious investors in a way that would appeal to them. All this required foresight, energy and a degree of hope no other man among us seemed to have. After years of unceasing effort he has succeeded; he has accomplished his purpose and has made the fortune he so richly deserves.

The details of his work would be interesting, but to give them would require page after page of this issue. With the details told, our readers would be quick to give him credit for the present bettered conditions financially of the people of the mountains; for the higher prices our lands are bringing, and the general economic social amelioration that has come about within the last few years, since hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in various ways by Mr. Mayo and his associates.

When he had at last found the capital he had so long looked for, Mr. Mayo organized the Northern Coal & Coke Company, which

## Popular Representative of the Northern Coal and Coke Co.



G. B. VAUGHAN

WHERE the affairs of a large corporation bring it in close contact with the local people, its success is due no less to its local representatives than to its most important officers. Mr. G. B. Vaughan, whose picture appears above, has been with the Northern Coal & Coke Co. since its organization. In fact he was the forerunner of the Northern Coal & Coke Co., having assisted in laying its foundation for two or three years prior to its organization. Since about the year 1909, he has been closely and intimately connected with every citizen in those portions of the different counties in which the company has been interested. This includes the larger part of Letcher, Knott, Pike and Floyd. No more loyal or capable employee could have been selected by the company and it always takes great pleasure in acknowledging his worth. He is personally acquainted with nearly every man, woman and child throughout the immense territory where the Northern Coal & Coke Co. is interested and wherever he is known his sterling worth is appreciated by every citizen. He is liked by them all, and their confidence in him is unbounded and well placed. If the company, when he was originally selected, had had in view the selection of a person who would endear it to the hearts of the thousands of people with whom it came in contact, no better selection than that of Mr. Vaughan could have been made, and the more intimately acquainted one becomes with him the more he is loved. Like all the other representatives of the company, he is a native Kentucky mountaineer, having been born and raised in Johnson county.



Organizers of the Northern Coal & Coke Co.

ty. The plant will be modern, up to date, and will cost great sums.

Besides his holdings in coal properties, Mr. Mayo owns several thousand acres of timbered lands of the finest quality. One block of timber of twelve thousand acres, that he owns in Martin county, is said to be the best lumbering proposition owned by any one individual in the state.

Outside of his holdings in the Eastern part of the state of Kentucky, Mr. Mayo is largely interested in financial institutions the general public knows little about. He is a stockholder in different banks, in gold mining properties, electric railways and other substantial things.

Mr. Mayo is a philanthropist of the highest order. His charity is unlimited. His gifts to schools and churches in different sections of the state have been large, single donations often amounting to five thousand and ten thousand dollars, regardless of denomination. Although greatly interested in the financial moral and educational upbuilding of the state in general and the mountains in particular, he takes a special interest in his

completion, is one of the two best and earliest in Kentucky. The other is that of James G. Haggins, near Lexington.

The many ramifications of Mr. Mayo's business require a great deal of work on his part. But he is essentially a worker. And with his great fund of general information, his quick perception and above all his natural desire to do the right thing by his associates and those with whom he deals, easily disposes of business propositions as fast as they present themselves. His impulses are always for good, and on all moral questions that arise in the field of his influence, you will find him on the right side.

## NOTICE

Owing to ill health of myself and wife I have decided to quit the practice of law. Therefore my office, library and furniture are for sale. Also a nice home, nicely located and in good repair. All well secured by insurance. Prices reasonable. Call on or address, D. D. FIELDS, Whitesburg, Ky.

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At John Wright's on head of Elkhorn

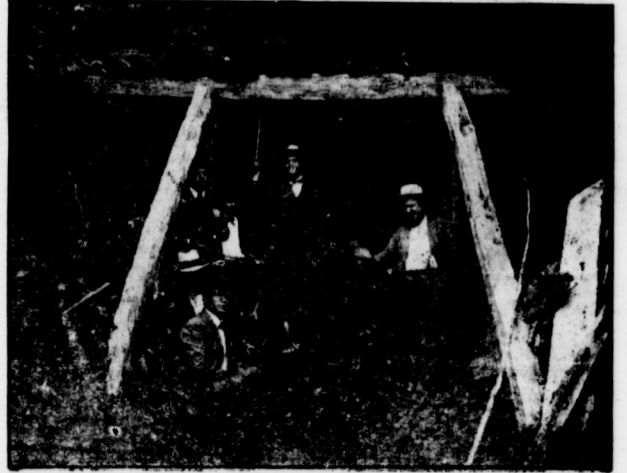
## J. L. McCormick

Though a citizen of Big Stone Gap, Va., and a native of the great state of Pennsylvania, a short biographical sketch of some of the business men of Letcher county would be very incomplete without that of John L. McCormick. A few years ago when the eyes of the financial world began to pry into the great indescribable and incomparable wealth in the Appalachian highlands of Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia among the first men on the ground stood John L. McCormick. He came here as the representative of the well known Mineral Development Co., and like the far-sighted business man that he is a better representative could not have been found anywhere. The wonderful holdings and untold wealth

secured by this company within the past few years and the incalculable amount of revenue turned into the pockets of our people has been to a great extent due to this man. Every man that comes into the mountains from afar and especially from the Northeast is not possessed of that quality that generates popularity in the breast of our people. But, contrary to the rule, Mr. McCormick almost from the beginning began to draw to himself all classes and today he is regarded as almost one of us. He laughs with us, he jokes with us, he 'possums hunts with us and there is nothing else for him to be except the above. In short and in fine, Letcher county takes off her hat to such men and gladly invites hundreds of others to come and view and invest in her hidden but undoubted and undeveloped wealth.



8 1/2 feet Coal opening on Wright's fork of Boone.



Big Coal Opening near B.F. Johnson's, one of Pike county's foremost capitalists

## N. R. Day

home county and town. The Sandy Valley Seminary, an institution founded and run on a high plane, located at Paintsville, is a monument to his generosity, his contributions being the greater part of the cost, which was about fifty thousand dollars for grounds and buildings.

A church is now under construction in Paintsville, of stone, size about 60 x 90 feet, which for construction, architecture, finish and furnishings, will be unsurpassed by any church in the state. It will cost about forty thousand dollars, most of which has been and will be contributed by Mr. Mayo.

His spirit for public improvement has brought about paving of the streets of Paintsville, although it is as yet a smaller town than one would expect to find with paved streets.

His residence, now nearing

Randall Day is a son of Justice H. T. Day and is one of our best and progressive business farmers. He is about thirty-five years of age, resides on his farm near Whitesburg and is rearing an intelligent family of children. Mr. Day was educated in the common schools and followed the profession of teaching for awhile till he concluded that he was a better farmer than teacher. In the spring of this year Mr. Day became a candidate for County Court Clerk but as is known was defeated for the nomination. Mr. Day's reputation for honesty, business integrity and sobriety has endeared him to a great host of friends. He is prominent in every move for the betterment of the country and is a leader in fraternal circles.



Prospectors enroute to the Elkhorn Coal Fields

Forerunner of the Establishment of the Missionary Baptist Church at Whitesburg.



ELD. W. D. POWELL, Louisville, Ky.  
Cor. Secy. State Mission Board of Missionary Baptist Church.

## TEMPERANCE

B. P. Sergent  
COLLY, KY.

There is one cup in which there is no poison and beneath whose crystals are no fiendish spirits to lure you and me to ruin. No spectral shadows play upon its waveless surface. No widows' groan or orphans' cries rise to God from these placid waters. Misery, crime, wickedness, woe, want and rags come not within the vicinity of pure water. Pure now as when it left its native heaven, giving vigor to our youth and strength to our manhood. Cold water is beautiful, bright and pure everywhere.

But, liquor! There is poison in that cup. There dwells beneath that smiling surface a fearful monster, which for centuries has been carrying on its desolation and destruction against mankind. Those sparkling drops are murder in disguise. Quiet to look upon, yet the groans of the widow and orphan and the horrible yells of the drunkard are there. Peace, hope, love and truth come not within the limits of this fiery, desolating monster.

Let historians unfold to you the dark record of the past and point to you the fate of falling empires and monarchs loved to ruin by the siren song of this fatal tempter and which is now sleeping in cold obscurity.

Stop to think before you allow

the first draught of that fatal cup to enter your lips. Do not trust it. Tonight it will enter into an humble home to crush the heart of a helpless woman; tomorrow it will lead its victim to his eternal ruin. It only comes to mislead human souls and crush human hearts. "It comes to lead gray-haired mothers down in shame and sorrow to their graves. It comes to turn your wife's love into despair, to ruin your homes and wreck your bodies."

Then let your text be "Intemperance" in your journey through life, together with the cries of the widow orphan, to proclaim whisky the enemy of the home and the destroyer of manhood.

OUR JOB PRINTING IS BEST

Only A Word.

Fellow Citizens: For the first time in my life I am before the people of Letcher county as a candidate for assessor. I want you all to consider well my claims and make up your minds to vote for one who will serve honestly and faithfully your interests.

Very respectfully,

WILL R. SPANGLER.

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## ONE OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBORING TOWNS.



Town of Hyden, Leslie County, Ky.

## Circuit Judge of This District



Hon. T. G. Lewis.

Judge T. G. Lewis is a native of Leslie county, Ky., and was born in 1851 on the spot where the Leslie county Courthouse now stands. His father moved to what is now Leslie county from Breathitt county. At the close of the war and when Judge Lewis was a lad of fourteen his father located in the far west. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Lewis returned to the county of his maturity and three years later was elected Circuit Court Clerk of his county and held that office for fourteen years. He then resigned and began the practice of law. When the 33rd Judicial district was created by the Kentucky Legislature Gov. Beckham appointed him Circuit Judge of the district. He filled this position till succeeded by Judge L. D. Lewis. He retired from the office after having reflected great honor upon himself as well as upon his constituents. Everybody admired the fair rulings and the judicial ability of Judge Lewis. The Judge now resides at Hyden, where he enjoys an excellent law practice, though for some months he has been traveling for the health of his daughter and himself in the far west.

For Sale.

Do you want to buy a good cow eight years old and young calf? Or do you want to buy a sow and one or two pigs? Then apply to I. N. LEWIS.

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You should save this copy of the Industrial Eagle. It will be worth a fortune some day.



Miss Minnie B. Lewis.

Miss Lewis is the handsome daughter of Judge T. G. Lewis and is a fair specimen of the bright Kentucky mountain lady. She is highly educated and has a diploma from the Bowling Green Business University. She is an excellent stenographer and is constantly crowded with work in her profession. She is a member of the Baptist church at Hyden and is a faithful worker in every good cause.

Fine Farm for Sale Cheap!

I have for sale one of the best farms consisting of from 250 to 300 acres for sale. The farm is situated at the mouth of Bottom Fork about five miles from Whitesburg and in one of the best neighborhoods in the county. Good school, and Baptist church situated on original parts of farm.

About half the farm is cleared and under good fence and in excellent state of cultivation.

About sixty acres of good level bottom land set in good grass &c. coal and mineral still unsold.

Title perfect and indisputed.

Owner has been offered twenty dollars an acre for it many times. No good reasons for selling except, just want to trade.

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Moses S. Ison.

Moses S. Ison is a former citizen of Letcher county, having resided at this place for a number of years. He is now located at Inman, Va., where he has a



very lucrative position. He is a former teacher of the county, comes from a good family and is regarded as an excellent type of honest manhood.

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## Orders A New Voting Precinct

ORDERS: Letcher County Court, June term, 7th day of June, 1909.

On motion, it is ordered by the Court that Millstone voting precinct No. 2 be, and it is hereby divided into two voting precincts which shall be named and known as hereinafter set out. The divisional line which divides said voting precinct No. 2 is as follows:

Beginning on top of the Cumberland Mountain at the State line opposite the Bottom Fork Gap; thence running by said gap and with the ridge, the divide between Bottom Fork and Kentucky river to opposite the mouth of Bill Moore's branch, thence crossing said river running up the spur on the left hand side of said branch and with said spur to the main top of the ridge and with said ridge opposite mouth of Potters Fork of Boone and crossing said fork and up the ridge the divide between Potters Fork and Wrights Fork to the head of Beefhide and with the divide between Boone and Beefhide to the Pike county line and with said line to the top of the Cumberland Mountain opposite the mouth of Marshall's branch and with said line back to the beginning.

It is further ordered by the court that a voting precinct be established near the residence of Mattie Wright on Elkhorn creek and said voting precinct shall be known as Elkhorn voting precinct No. 8.

It is further ordered by the court that a voting precinct be established near the forks of Millstone and said voting precinct shall be known as Millstone voting precinct No. 2.

A copy attest:

ANDREW J. STURGILL,

Clerk Letcher Co. Court.

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OUR JOB PRINTING IS BEST

Roland L. Eversole.

R. L. Eversole was born and reared in Letcher county and belongs to one of the oldest as well as the best families in Eastern Kentucky. When quite a young man he ardently engaged in school work in this county and in a few years afterward, 1897, was elected County School Superintendent of Letcher county and by persistent effort made himself a very popular officer. During the latter end of his career as an official and for a while afterward he



engaged in merchandising at this place but soon tired and returned to farm work at his old place on Poor Fork of Cumberland river. Soon after this he became a traveling salesman for a leading wholesale house in Louisville and at once jumped into the lead in that profession. He is now located at Stanton, Powell county. Mr. Eversole married Miss Jennie Graybeal, an excellent lady of Lee county, Virginia. They have a small but interesting family.

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## Linefork Doings

Dr. Collins was called to see Mrs. Mary Ison recently.

"Dock" McCarthy, representing a logging concern, is here to let logging contracts on standing timber. Mr. McCarthy lives at Frankfort, Ky.

The speaking on July 4th by Hons. David Hays and James P. Lewis was well attended. This shows that the spirit of patriotism and love for education is still alive in the breasts of our people—even on Linefork.

Rain, rain, rain!

Gives the farmers lots of pain. See 'em lean against the wall, Hear 'em splutter, squawk and bawl.

Corn bread now is all the go

But if it keeps on raining so,

Irish 'taters are all show.

Dr. Collins says he invites any friends who desire a pleasant outing to join him in an exploration of the big caves on Linefork. One of these caves has been explored a distance of one mile. A clear stream of water traverses it as far as explored, with many nice pools and presenting the usual formations found in caverns of this kind. Such as desire to join in this outing can communicate with the doctor at Colson. Remember there are several interesting caves besides the one mentioned.

Boydson.

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## IS MR. MARRIED MAN MAKING GARDEN?



NO! HE IS JUST DIGGING FOR WIFE'S SPRING MAT.



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### EDITORIAL.

Dear reader, we feel sure you are not expecting much of an editorial in this issue of your paper. Could we command the diction of a Watterson or exploit the literary ability of a Dickens we would fall flat on this occasion from the fact that in this issue you will not study the text, but you will take up all your time among the pictures. A task like we have accomplished within the past two weeks is no plaything. You will wonder how it has all been done and the cost thereof. Well, we could not answer the first question and it makes us dizzy to think of the cost. Five hundred dollars would make us but little profit on this venture. You ask why we undertook it and we answer that we are living to see our loved mountains blossom as the rose. We want our business men, our boys and our girls held up in their true light and we want development to come into the mountains. We want our vast coal fields to serve the wants of the world's teeming millions. We have the energy, the intellect, the brains and the sense to command the world and we want these given a chance. When once the car of progress and development whirls over this mountain land our young men, our farmers and our business men will not be handicapped as they are. There will then be work for all at living prices. Do you see the point? This issue of the Eagle will go into the hands of at least ten thousand business people all over the land and surely it will show to the world that our mountains are only waiting for the magic hand of development to touch them to become the greatest as well as the richest land under the sun. So may it be.

### Our Excuse

Remember this is the first time we ever had any experience in getting out an issue like this. If any one has any criticism to offer it can do us nor ourselves any good. We have done the very best we could in every way we could. Every person that contributed a cent to this edition has had a nice write-up. We have tried to spread flowers around the living. We hope no one will mistake a flower for a thorn. We may be wrong in our impressions of those about whom we have written; if we are, so much the better for us if we never find it out. If a single person who has a write-up in this issue is not our friend we feel that he ought to be, at least we are a friend to all. With the golden rule in our heart (what-

soever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them) this task has been performed and if any man is not satisfied he will have to take the will for the deed and remember where we failed it was of the head and not of the heart.

### Our Merchants

On the first page mention is made of the fact that there were six general stores in Whitesburg. This was true when the article was written but now there are but five. Maj. Webb having closed out his store during the past week. Upon Main street on opposite sides are the big stores of Lewis Bros. and James H. Frazier. Mr. Frazier though not an old man is the pioneer merchant of the town. He was about the first merchant we ever heard of and as a business man he has been a success. Always a strict, sober adherer to business he has acquired what might be regarded in the mountains a fortune. Just a year or so ago he went into the Bluegrass and in a single real estate deal made a handsome pile of money.

Further down the street is the big store of Ira Fields & Co. This is another full stocked general store. Ira Fields is the financial strength of the business though his sons are the genteel managers. They own a big building and a big trade.

Further down is the partially general and grocery store run by Judge John A. Craft. Mr. Craft does not attempt to keep a full stock but merely sells in connection with other business and official affairs, still most anything desired can be had there.

Just below the Craft store is the big emporium of Blair & Fields, the junior store in town. This business is presided over by Mr. I. B. Fields, the other member being Uncle Henry Blair, an excellent citizen of Colly. Mr. Fields is a good, polite business man and is liked by all his customers. Lewis Bros. are written up on another page.

### Well Known Dentist



DR. J. T. WALKER.

To hundreds of our readers all over the country the above face and features will appear familiar. Dr. Walker is a Tennesseean by birth and is a graduate from one of the best Dental Schools in the South. About fifteen years ago he made his first professional trip to Letcher county and by the excellent and lasting dental work done by him established for himself a reputation which has been growing ever since. Scarcely a Circuit Court has passed in this county lately that Dr. Walker has not been an attendant and during his stay which has often been for many weeks his office is always over run with work. He has made himself popular with our people and numbers his friends and acquaintances by the thousands.

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### NOTICE, TEACHERS!

Notice is hereby given that Letcher County Teachers' Institute will convene at Whitesburg, Ky., July 26, 1909. All teachers now holding certificates or who contemplate taking the August examination under the law are required to attend. Jas. S. Pendleton, County School Superintendent.

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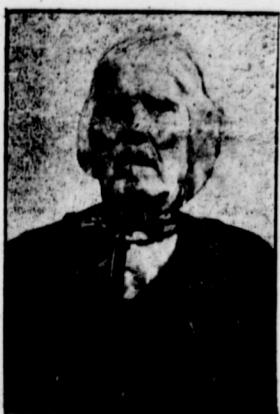
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Much of his time was spent in hunting and fishing, wild game of all kinds being plentiful at that time, though he managed to secure a good education for his day. His fathers farm extended up and down the Rockhouse for more than three miles and embraced the farms of the wealthiest citizens living there now.

He was married to Miss Nancy Smith through which marriage his descendants have a wide relation in what is now Knott county. About the time Letcher county was made he became the leading citizen of the county and upon the organization of the judicial affairs of the county he was chosen its first County Judge. He also served as County Surveyor and was elected and served a term in the State Senate. He enlisted in the Union army in 1862 and was promoted to a captaincy in Co. "K" 36th Infantry in 1863. He served faithfully till the end of the war. After the war he was again elected judge of the Letcher County Court. He was a great and good man and his work for humanity reflects great credit upon his descendants all over this county. Uncle Nat Collins often remarked that he had lived in six counties in Kentucky and yet had never removed from one county to another. He died in Knott county Ky. Dec. 30, 1905 at the advanced age of ninety-one.

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## Short Sketches of Prominent Citizens of Letcher County Whose Pictures We Were Unable to Get

### Sheriff C. C. Crawford

Mr. Crawford was born in the year 1865 in Breathitt county, Ky., and belongs to the well known family of that name living in various sections of the State. He was educated in the public and private schools of his native county and came to Letcher in the year 1890, or 1891, and immediately took up school work at Whitesburg and taught for a number of months at this place. Then he changed his place of work to Colson, where he labored ardently for a number of years. He often engaged in manual labor and did not fear to roll up his sleeves and walk into it. In 1905 when the independent citizens were looking around for a suitable man to run for sheriff Mr. Crawford was chosen as that man and the following November election after a difficult struggle he was duly elected. He has made an honest and efficient officer. Mr. Crawford married Mary, the youngest daughter of Uncle Madison Collins, of Colson, and they have a number of interesting and intelligent children. Being a born Democrat, of the Jeffersonian type, Mr. Crawford has never forsaken the faith of his fathers.

### John M. Cook.

About twenty-one years ago, upon the head of Rockhouse in this county, the subject of this sketch first saw the light. He is the oldest and only son of Dr. T. A. Cook, one of the leading physicians of the county and his mother is the daughter of the late Elder Samuel C. Caudill, of Sandlick, once one of the most popular and loved ministers of the regular Baptist church. Mr. Cook early this summer graduated with high honors from the law department of the University of Louisville and has just entered upon the practice of his profession at this place and has a bright and prospective future before him. He is a shining example of intelligent young mountain manhood.

### James S. Pendleton

From early youth to fully matured manhood no harder worker in school and other educational work has ever been known in Letcher county than Jas. S. Pendleton, present county school superintendent. Reared amid vicissitudes and surrounded by obstacles that would dash the courage from an ordinary mortal, Jas. S. Pendleton by hard efforts soon forged to the head of the column. He was born on Colly creek and attended public and private schools until early manhood when he began teaching and from the first was regarded as one of our best and most energetic teachers. Elected County Supt. of Schools in 1905 he has made a faithful officer. He is married and has a family of four bright and entertaining children.

### Dr. John Collins

Among the intellectual lights that beamed across Letcher's horizon twenty years ago none radiated with a greater splendor than that of Dr. John Collins. Dr. Collins first saw the light in 1865 near what is now known as Colson. From early youth he

was one of the brightest of boys and as maturity came he ripened into one of the brightest of men. For awhile he engaged in teaching but soon turned his attention to medicine. Graduating at the Kentucky University Medical Department he soon rose to the head of his profession. Elected to the Kentucky Legislature in 1897 he made a worthy member of that body. His home is now at Ben Hur, Ark., though he still practices his profession in our county.

### W. G. Caudill, Sr.

Among the somewhat aged and prominent citizens of Letcher may be mentioned Watson G. Caudill, of this place. Mr. Caudill is old enough to remember the "dark and bloody" days of the late rebellion and saw most of his brothers march forth under the banner of the Southern Confederacy for a cause they believed to be right. To be right—for it is believed that no Caudill would ever do a thing that he believed wrong. Watson Caudill first held the office of sheriff of Letcher county and made a good record. He was afterward elected County Court Clerk and held that office one or two terms. Six years ago he was nominated and elected by the Democrats to the Kentucky Legislature and made a good and faithful member.

### David C. Mullins.

When dark and angry clouds began to bespangle the sky and war's alarms could almost be heard in 1860, David C. Mullins was born. From early youth he developed into a mechanical genius and as years grew on him he became so "he could do anything" as the saying goes. At this time he stands at the head of his profession, that of master mechanic, in the mountains. He married the daughter of John J. Lewis, the Letcher county financier, and they have an interesting family, some of whom are now grown and married. Of all of Letcher's substantial citizens Dave Mullins is the equal of any and occupies the confidence and esteem of all his neighbors and acquaintances.

### W. K. Kilbourn.

W. K. Kilbourn was born and reared in Wise county, Va., and comes from one of that county's best known families. He first began business in this county in 1891 as the agent of the old and well known firm of Altemus & McGeorge and represented them for eight years. At about the end of this time he formed a partnership with Geo. Hogg, of Roxana, under the firm name of Hogg & Kilbourn. After some time the Hogg interest passed into the new firm of McLin, Kilbourn & Co., the members of the firm being the subject of this sketch, J. Blair McLin and Floyd Day, the latter two now of Jackson, Breathitt county. The firm of McLin, Kilbourn & Co. has been and is yet a well known firm and Mr. Kilbourn is yet business manager. A few years ago this firm became involved in one of the biggest timber deals ever undertaken in the mountains and the suit that originated over this deal now pending in the U. S.

Court has become famous the world over. Mr. Kilbourn is one of our best business men and owns interests all over this county and in other sections. He is still unmarried and is a citizen of Whitesburg. He is very much interested in the moral, educational and business development of the mountains.

### J. Wesley Reedy

John Wesley Reedy was born in Wise county, Va., in 1872, and when a small boy removed with his parents to Letcher county and located on Boones fork where he grew up amid the rural beauty of mountain and hill, and there he received the major part of his education. From personal experience we know that Wesley Reedy was always a close student, careful and painstaking. Ere manhood had dawned he had received a fair education and began his business career. At about the age of twenty he married Miss Alice, daughter of Samuel Cook, now of Beaver creek. In 1903 Mr. Reedy began working for various corporations that were then starting to do business in this country. For the last three years he has been business manager and purchasing agent for the great Virginia Coal and Coke Co., of Roanoke, Va., and is one amongst that concern's most popular employees. Wesley Reedy is a big and loyal hearted citizen and makes a host of friends wherever he goes. He now resides at Pine Top, Knott county, and has a family of interesting children.

### Dr. T. A. Cook.

Among the first to break away from the antiquated method of practicing medicine in Letcher county was Dr. Thomas A. Cook, of Democrat. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewens Cook and comes from one of the oldest and best families of people in the mountains. He is about forty years of age and enjoys an excellent and well earned practice in his profession. In early manhood he engaged in teaching and followed this until his graduation from a Louisville medical college. Years ago he engaged in the merchandising business and has been successful. Dr. Cook is an intelligent, pleasing gentleman and numbers his friends by the thousands. Dr. Cook married the

daughter of the late Eld. Samuel Caudill and they have two intelligent children, both of whom are grown. They enjoy the pleasures of a happy home.

### S. H. Fields.

Stephen H. Fields, oldest son of Attorney D. D. Fields, was born on Kings Creek in Letcher county about thirty-five years ago. He was educated in the public schools of the county and early in life perhaps taught for awhile. Then he followed the carpenter's trade until he adopted the profession of civil engineering at which he has become one of the most proficient in the county.

He has surveyed thousands of acres of land and is regarded as one of the best draftsmen and abstractors in the country. He is one of the handiest of men on account of his alert and mechanical skill. He married a daughter of Uncle Jonathan Richmond and has four healthy and intelligent children. At present Mr. Fields is proprietor of Mountain View Hotel at Whitesburg and has the reputation of keeping a stylish hostelry.

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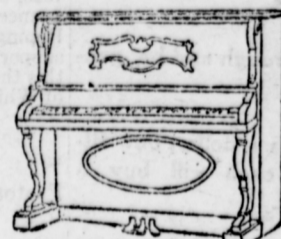


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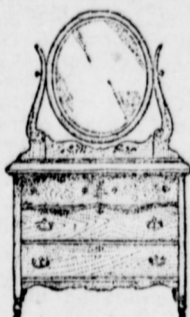
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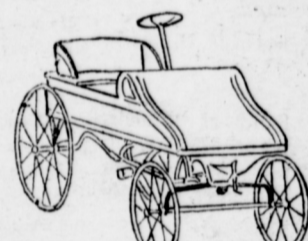
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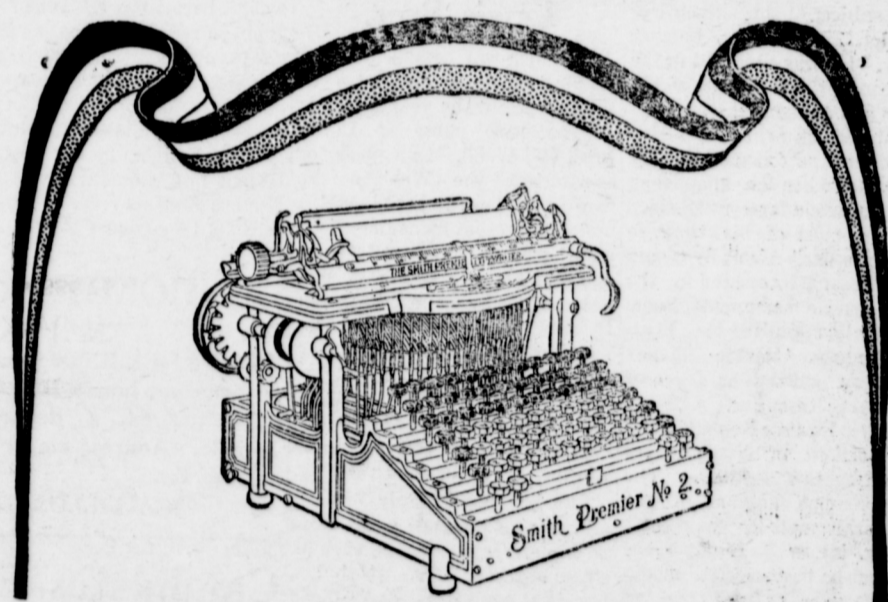


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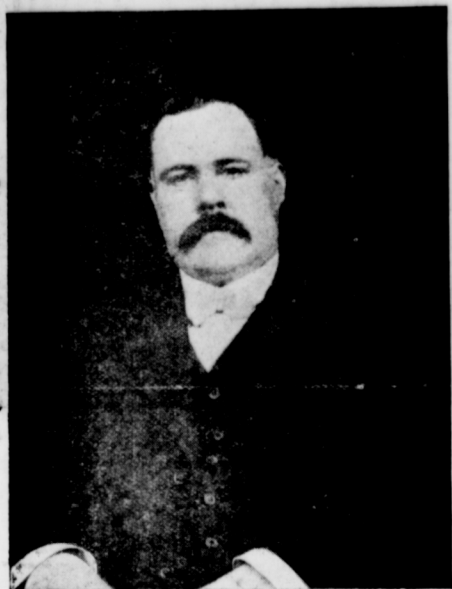
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## Commonwealth's Attorney



Hon. Ira Fields

Hon. Ira Fields was born in Letcher county Feb. 3 1863. He managed to pick up a common school education and attended a law school at Danville, Ky. On Sept. 8 1881 he was married to Martha, the daughter of William Raleigh of Poor Fork of Cumberland. He is the son of Eld. R. H. Fields of the Regular Baptist church and is of a widely known and popular family of people in this country. Ira Fields first served as a Justice of the Peace and in 1897 was elected County Attorney. Refusing re-election he engaged himself closely to the practice of law and at once stood at the head of his profession. In 1903 he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of the old 26th Judicial district composed of the

counties of Letcher, Perry, Bell and Harlan, but when the new 33rd district was created, Letcher being placed in it, Mr. Fields was retained as Commonwealth's Attorney and is now serving in that capacity. At the recent Republican Judicial primary Ira Fields was nominated to succeed himself by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Fields is one of our best known progressive citizens, always standing firmly for law and order. To see the county placed on a high plain, morally and educationally, seems to be Mr. Fields' highest ambition. He has an excellent home at this place, a large family of intelligent children some of whom are grown and only one, Felix G. Fields, being married.

## A Newspaper Correspondent

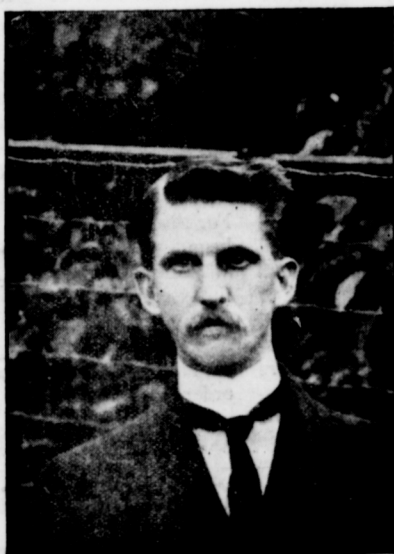


W. BURDINE WEBB.

The above is a very good like-

ness of Burdine Webb, likely the best known newspaper correspondent in Eastern Kentucky. He is about thirty years of age and used to teach in the public schools, however, he early abandoned teaching and turned his attention to literature. He has wrote much for the leading magazines of the country. He has traveled extensively in many states of this Union taking notes of hill and dale and viewing the country in general. Over a year ago he was married to the youngest daughter of Byrd Franklin the Colly merchant and is now dividing his time in writing for newspapers and magazines, writing Insurance and farming.

## A Well Known Banker



Judge James P. Lewis.

On Poor Fork of Cumberland in Letcher county in 1833 James P. Lewis first saw the light. He is the son of the late Wilson Lewis, once a leading citizen. First a close student of the public schools of his section Judge Lewis acquired what he could then finished up at Knoxville, Tenn., and Valparaiso, Ind. For a number of years he was a leading teacher of Letcher and one of its successful merchants. In 1890 he was appointed County School Superintendent and in November was elected to fill that office. He was elected to succeed himself four years later. In 1901 he was elected County Judge and filled that office with credit to himself

and to the satisfaction of his friends. In 1903 Judge Lewis organized the Whitesburg State Bank and was elected cashier of same and served till this bank and the Citizens Bank were merged into Union Bank when he was elected President of it and still holds that position. James P. Lewis is one of the best financiers in the county and perhaps Eastern Kentucky. He is deeply interested in the educational and moral upbuilding of our town and county and is a strong pillar along that line. He is a member of the First Baptist church at this place and is a faithful and consistent worker in the cause of religion.

## Eddie Williams

This Eagle would have had a harder time and would have been much longer in trying had it not been for the earnest and faithful service of the subject of this sketch. Eddie is a young man of excellent working qualities and can do almost everything in a printing office or anywhere else. "Eddie" has traveled much across the country and has had a lot of experiences. He has a good common school education, is quiet and genteel and a member of the newly organized Baptist church here. He is reliable and worthy of any confidence reposed in him.

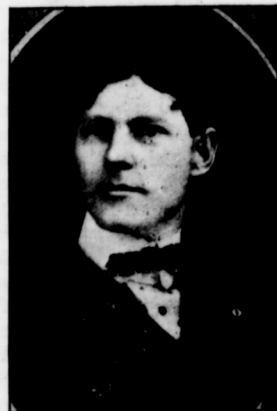
## Stone Cutter and Concrete Man.



CHAS. L. COLLINS.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Letcher county and was born in 1879. He obtained a good common school education and took up the profession of farming. He married the daughter of Wesley Breeding a good citizen of Camp Branch. A few years ago he located at Whitesburg and took up the trade of stone cutting and cementing and has become very proficient in these trades. Charley is one of our best citizens, is a hard worker and honest. He is an Odd-fellow and is now Noble Grand of that order at this place. He is an announced candidate for jailer of the county to be voted for at the next November election.

## An All-Round Typo



KARL ELLIS DAVIS.

The above is a good representation of the man who has made the Eagle famous. He was born in Bowling Green, Ky., December 30 1880 and at the age of twelve years entered the old Courier office and in a few years forged himself to the head of his profession in the city of his birth. In a month or so after the Eagle was started two years ago, on account of poor health he resigned a good position to come to the mountains. Last March he was happily married to Miss Blanche M. Salyer of this place and a daughter of our townsman D. W. Salyer. They left immediately for Bowling Green. After a stay of two months there he resigned an excellent position on the News a leading daily of that city and returned with his wife to the mountains. He is now permanently located here and is the man who has done all the mechanical work on this issue.

## A Hustling Business Man



W. Henry Potter

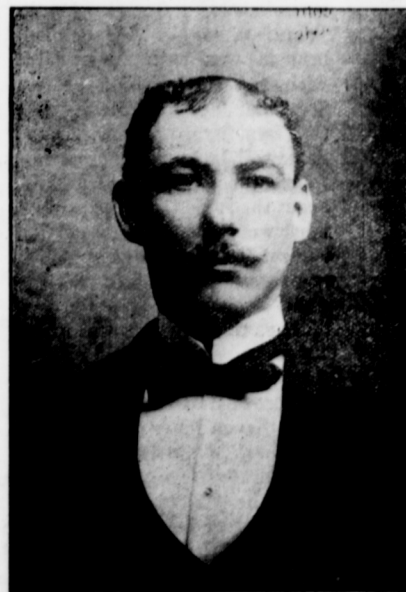
Henry Potter is a native of Letcher county and is an example of what determination and industry will do no matter what the circumstances. Mr. Potter is 45 years old and was educated in the common schools of the county and after his marriage settled down to farming and made a success. When the Northern Coal and Coke Co. began investing in this section Mr. Potter became one of its trusted employees. And this big hearted concern, on account of his hustling business qualities, regards him one of its best men. Mr. Potter is a heavy stockholder and director in Union Bank at this place and is the owner of a considerable acreage of choice coal lands. He is one of our best to do citizens and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

## Has Made A Reputation.



When the dark clouds arose over the dark tobacco belt of Western Kentucky on account of the night riders last year among the first to enter the field was Lieut. Chas. H. Back, of Co. E 2nd Reg. K.S.G. Mr. Back is a native of this county, a son of ex-Assessor John P. Back and belongs to one of our best families. He is about thirty years old, is married and has an entertaining home on Sandlick. In his long stay in the night rider sections the brave Letcherites under his control made for themselves quite a reputation and received from high military authorities many plaudits on account of their valor and good behavior. All the boys who went away under Capt. Caudill and the other officers have often been highly complimented for their excellent work in behalf of law and order for the state. When you drive down a Letcherite, no matter when or where, or who, he will make for himself a reputation. They are all made of that grade of material and all the boys including the officers were no exception to the rule in this instance.

## Leading Traveling Man



Willie W. Sergent

The subject of this sketch is Co. and King Bros., of Bristol, Tenn., and is one of their most popular salesmen. Mr. Sergent first married the daughter of ex-Sheriff Babe Collins, of Colson, and after her death he married Nellie, the daughter of Wm. S. Vermillion, of this place. They have a neat little home near this place. Mr. Sergent is deeply interested in the moral and educational upbuilding of the mountain goods concern of E. W. King &

## Leading Military Man



Major John A. Webb

At the old Webb mansion near Mouth of Bottom Fork in Letcher county in 1879 Maj. John A. Webb was born. He was educated in the public schools of the county and attended college and other private schools in various sections of the state. He entered upon the profession of teaching school and taught for fifteen years, six years as principal of Whitesburg Academy at this place. During the KKK trouble here he organized and was made Captain of Co. E 2nd Reg. K. S. G. and held that position for five years. In 1906 he was promoted to Major and still retains that position. During the night rider reign in Kentucky last year he was called into service and placed in command of all troops in Central and Northern Kentucky and was actively in the field for many months. In his military career he has become acquainted with a number of leading citizens of the state. Being a member of the numerous Webb, Polly and Adams families of Letcher and being of a jolly, happy hearted nature he has an immense host of loyal friends. He is the youngest son of Wiley W. Webb, Sr., is married and has one bright little daughter, Dixie, named in honor of the Southland and to which his ancestors have ever been loyal.

## A Good Engineer.



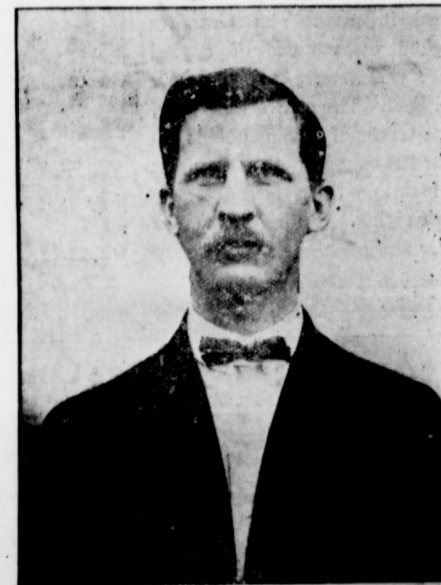
STEPHEN G. FAIRCHILD.

S.G. Fairchild was born in Russell county Va., in the year 1864. In 1874 his parents moved to Sandlick creek in this county and Mr. Fairchild has resided there ever since. He was reared on a farm and by persistent effort managed to get a good com-

mon school education and taught in the public schools of the county for five years. He then studied engineering and took up land surveying in 1887 and since that time has done more work of this kind than any man in the county. He has surveyed lands in Harlan, Letcher, Perry and Knott counties and has executed quite a number of orders from the Letcher and Perry circuit courts and from the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Mr. Fairchild has an excellent home on Sandlick shown on another page of this paper, a number of interesting children, and is one of our highly respected citizens.

Keep this issue of the Eagle for all time to come, it will be worth saving. It will be worth more than a year's subscription to any other newspaper in the country.

## A Successful Merchant



Martin D. Lewis

The above is a good likeness of one of the most successful merchants in Letcher county. He was born on Poor Fork of Cumberland in 1871. He attended the public and private schools of the country and by the time he reached his majority had secured a good practical business education. He enlisted in teaching and followed that worthy profession awhile, then (1894) he entered the mercantile business with his brother, James P. Lewis at Whitesburg and has since been the principal promoter and builder of the firm of Lewis Bros., which has grown to such magnificent proportions. Mart Lewis is a quiet, honest and shrewd business man. He is a member of the Baptist church here and is a zealous and consistent worker. No man in the county is more interested in the moral and educational welfare of the county than Mr. Lewis.

## Big Opening on Potter's Fork of Boone



The Mountain Capitalist Ben F. Johnson in the mouth of the coal opening.

## GREAT AND GOOD MAN

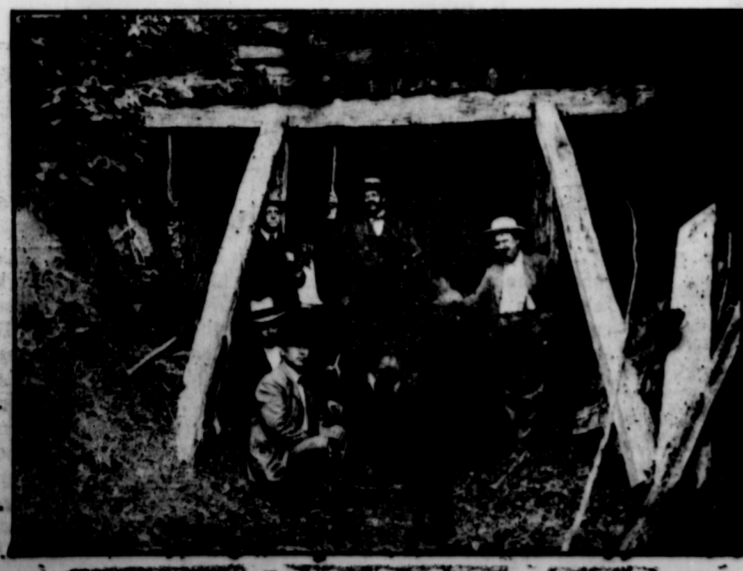


HON. J. W. M. STEWART.

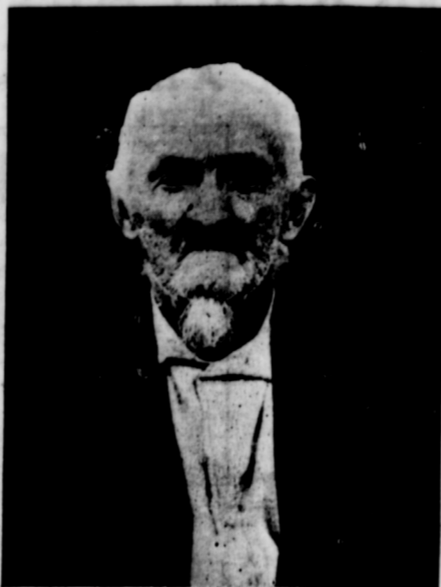
The Chronicler of Industrial and Commercial affairs in Eastern Kentucky would make poor head-way without mentioning the name of Attorney John W. Stewart of Ashland. Aside from his excellent business management of the great Northern Coal & Coke Company he is one of our greatest and best of citizens. He is one of the most lovable of characters and no man who has a drop of blood in his veins can meet him and feel the clasp of his warm hand without drinking an inspiration therefrom. Besides the natural magnetism of the man, there is something else that endears John Stewart to the hearts of our people. It is this. Something over a year ago a wave of danger, headed by the Old Virginia Land Grants, rolled over Eastern Kentucky and the land of our grandfathers, our fathers, ourselves and our children stood in peril. The Grants backed by millions of capital were threatening to confiscate the land. The people were poor, nine-tenths of them unable to bear the expenses of a law suit to maintain their heritage and their rights. When the waves were at their highest and brave mountaineers were ready to become desperate, above the din and the uproar, in their midst and in the temple of Justice in the little capitol of Letcher County stood John W. M. Stewart pleading like a Demosthenes for the people and their rights. Winning in the courts here right on went this bold defender, till the hydra-headed mogul was subdued, till the clouds had rolled away and our people were free once more again. True, the big Northern Coal and Coke Company together with a number of other well known corporations which owned property bought from our citizens stood the ground with Mr. Stewart, but to all intents and purposes he was the head and shoulders of the movement which won for our people the great victory and that too without one cent of cost to them. The great Northern Coal and Coke Company has always shown itself to be a friend to our people and it is believed that much of this friendship is fathered by such men as the subject of this sketch.

John W. M. Stewart is yet a young man and the time is coming, if it is not already here, when Kentucky will give to him whatever he may elect.

## An Unusually Large Coal Opening



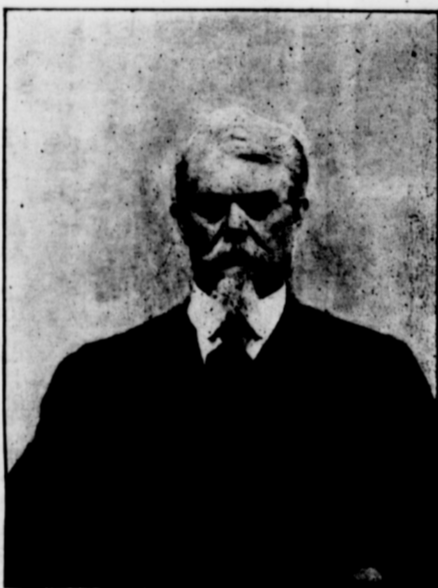
## An Old Landmark



Uncle Sam Salyer.

The above is a good representation of Uncle Sam Salyer, one of the oldest men now living anywhere in this section. This old gentleman was born in Scott county, Va., June 2, 1795, and has now entered upon his 115th year. The old gentleman is the father of five children, Col. L. H. N. Salyer, of this place, being his oldest son. Uncle Sam has been a farmer and Justice of the Peace almost all his life and is now active, can read and write and talks intelligently about his past life. He resides now near Norton, Va., in the same neighborhood in which he has lived for about sixty-five years.

## Soldier, Statesman and Attorney



Col. L. H. N. Salyer

To write properly the biography of the life of a man so full of incidents and varied experiences as that of the subject of this sketch would require more space than we now can spare. Col. L. H. N. Salyer was born May 31, 1834, on Copper Creek in Scott county, Va., and was educated in the public schools of the country of his day and previous to the Civil War attended college at Carlisle, Penn. When the tocsin of war sounded across the land Col. Salyer was studying for the bar but he threw down his law books and with 101 of his friends and associates hitched himself to the Southern Confederacy. He enlisted in the Fiftieth Virginia Infantry and at first was commissioned a Captain in the brigade under Gen. Floyd. This brigade was soon consolidated with the second division of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's Corps. On that fatal Saturday evening when Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded he was present and at about the same time received a saber wound across the head and was rendered unconscious and it was several days before he knew of the loss of his great leader. Perhaps there are few men living who were on hotter battlefields than Col. Salyer. He was in the thickest of it at Fort Donaldson in '61, Seven Pines in '62, Fredericksburg '62. At Gettysburg, at Chancellorsville, at Antietam and in the Wilderness he was at the front. Speaking of the terrible fighting at Antietam and the miraculousness with which some escaped Col. Salyer said, "At Antietam the heaviest fighting was on the road from Sharpsburg to Chambersburg. The contending armies surged back and forth along that road the whole day long. Shot and shell precipitated like hail the whole time. I thought not of death and believe no other man did, though the blood and brains of our comrades kept constantly flashing into our faces. Yet some of us, providentially or otherwise, passed thru that terrible stream of death without a scar. In a day or so Capt. Cleary and I passed along this battle-scarred and crimson-colored road. There was a large brick church building which stood near the center of the lane and we eyed it closely and to my honest opinion there was not a spot on it the size of a man's body that was not pierced many times with bullets. In the beginning of the war 101 men enlisted at the time I did and at its close only two of them came out untouched by shot, shell or saber. In one battle I had sixteen holes shot thru my clothes." When the war closed Col. Salyer returned to his home, was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of law. He soon arose to the top in his profession and has often been referred to as "the Blackstone of Virginia and Kentucky." He came to Kentucky in 1884 and lived for 17 years at Hazard, Perry county. For eight years he has resided at Whitesburg. He has been married four times, his last and present wife was a Miss Combs, of Perry county. Col. Salyer, despite his age, is still hale and hearty and retains his memory as when a boy.

## John W. Hale

In this issue will be found a good picture of Attorney John W. Hale and his interesting family. Mr. Hale is one of the best known men in Letcher county and has engaged very extensively in political affairs, being now chairman of the Letcher county Republican committee. About ten years ago he was admitted to the bar and today is regarded as one of the best of attorneys. He is Master Commissioner of the Letcher Circuit Court. Mr. Hale married the daughter of the late Eld. Sam Caudill and they are blessed with an interesting and intelligent family of children, some of them grown. Two of his sons are among our best school teachers and have bright futures before them.

## Two Eminent Coal Inspectors



## ONE OF THE BEST



D. DANIEL FIELDS.

Attorney D. D. Fields was born in Letcher county, Aug. 13, 1853. Just as he had started into school and was beginning to make a little progress the late Civil War struck the country and for six years the subject of this sketch was never inside a schoolhouse where school was in session. He had almost forgotten all that he had learned in two three-months terms he had attended. So at the age of fourteen found him with no education and practically no means to get one. Everybody in this country then was poor and the father of Dan Fields was no exception to the rule, besides he was very much a cripple. Being the youngest of a family of fourteen children about all the education he secured was obtained in the log schoolhouses in the section of his home. However, he managed to get enough to enter the profession of teaching and followed this for some years. On Dec. 24, 1872, he married the daughter of Joseph Mustlewhite, her mother being the daughter of Isom Caudill, one of the pioneer settlers of Letcher county. Mr. Fields lived on a farm till 1883, during which time he had learned practical surveying and about this time he began work of this kind for W. D. Jones and J. B. Altemus both of whom afterward became charter members of the well known Mineral Development Co. He surveyed regularly for these parties till Aug. 1886 when he was elected sheriff of Letcher county and served two years. Then he was engaged as agent for Jones & Altemus and served them until 1891. In May, 1890, he was admitted to the bar and at once began the practice of law, and in 1892 he entered the employment of Jones & Altemus as attorney and served till the organization of the Mineral Development Co., which took over the Jones & Altemus property. By this deal this company became the largest land owner in Letcher county. Mr. Fields then entered the employment of said Mineral Development Co. as attorney and has held that position ever since and is one of its oldest employees. Mr. Fields and wife have six children, all married, two living in Virginia and the other four at Whitesburg. Of his three sons the eldest is an engineer and proprietor of Mountain View Hotel at this place, the second a lawyer, the third a merchant. Mr. Fields is still actively engaged in the practice of law and is probably the best known attorney in this end of the state. For the last few years he has been a prominent figure at most all State and U. S. Courts in Kentucky and has a large practice in the Court of Appeals at Frankfort. He is a member in good standing of all the fraternal orders at this place.

## Prominent Men in Our Coal Regions





9 ft. Opening on N. C. & C. Co.'s land on Elkhorn,

### Mountain Editor.



HENRY C. CHAPPELL.

H. C. Chappell was born in 1885 in Leslie county, Ky., and as a boy was of that type that always hews its way no matter what obstacles come in the way. In early youth he attended the country schools and later finished up his educational career in a number of private schools. He taught awhile but soon bought out Thousandsticks a feeble country sheet then published at Hyden. This he soon put on a good

basis and today Thousandsticks is read and admired all over the country. Henry Chappell is a local newspaper man who will succeed and does succeed where thousands of others would fail. Mr. Chappell is a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk of his county and we hope when the primary comes off we can publish that he has been nominated. He is deserving and Leslie county should honor herself by honoring him.

### Captain Anderson Hays.

Though not now a citizen of our county the subject of this sketch on account of his relation to it and eastern Kentucky twenty or more years ago is entitled to mention. Capt. Anderson Hays, like most all the forerunners of civilization in Eastern Kentucky was of North Carolina parentage and was born in what was then Floyd county, Ky., in 1815. He reared a large family of children and previous to the civil war was regarded as being well off, but when the war came he immediately enlisted in the Southern Confederacy under Col. Ben Caudill and was made a captain in his command. He served with distinction on many a hard fought battle-field till his capture at Wise Va., in latter part of the war. With a great

number of others he was confined on Johnsons Island where he was held as a prisoner till after the war had closed. Returning home he found his property almost all gone and the country desolate. He threw off his coat to retrieve his lost fortune but never did. Capt. Hays is the father of ten children all of whom are still living. One of his sons was a prisoner with him on Johnson Island. At this time Capt. Hays has eighty-nine living grand-children a large number of great grand-children and ten great great grand-children. He is still living near Hindman Ky. at the age 94 and is hale and hearty.

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An Excellent Opening on Cambranch.

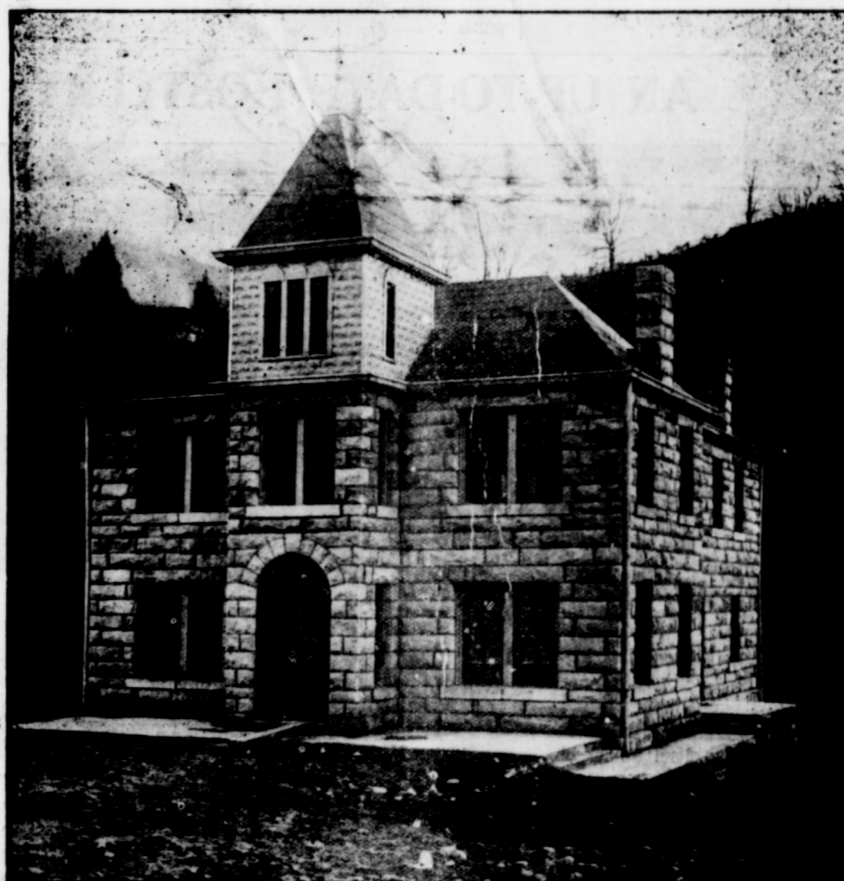
## GONE TO HIS REWARD



MARVIN MAYO

THE above is a good picture of the late Marvin Mayo a former very much admired young friend of ours and a brother of Hon. John C. C. Mayo, the best known man in Eastern Kentucky. Marvin Mayo, like his brother, was a great big, happy-hearted young man, clever and genteel to a fault. About four years ago the grim destroyer Death came along and took our young friend to realms beyond this terrestrial shore. It was Mr. Mayo who made a great number of the photos which are shown in this issue of the Mountain Eagle.

## A VERY HANDSOME STRUCTURE



THE LETCHER COUNTY JAIL.

## A SCENE AT FIELDCLIFF POULTRY FARM.



We wonder if it is generally known that there is a real, up-to-date poultry farm adjoining our little town, where our farmers can secure thoroughbred birds and eggs from all the leading strains at less than half what it would cost to get them outside? And that by adding a pair of Brahmas or Cochins they could increase the weight of their flocks from two to five pounds on each fowl, or a pair of Leghorns or Hamburgs the egg crop would be more than doubled, or if both eggs and weight are desired they could be obtained from Wyandottes or Plymouth Rocks? To go further, if they are interested in beauty and utility get games, Hamburgs or Phoenix long-tailed fowls. Mr. L. W. Fields, proprietor of Fieldcliff Poultry Farm, has ordered eight of the Phoenix long-tailed games direct from Hokidote, Japan, and is getting a cockerel by the famous bird shown at the St. Louis World's Fair. We expect to have pictures of these birds in this paper on their arrival. The public is invited to inspect the farm.



Inspecting Opening on Joe's branch, 8 ft. in

### Eld. D. M. Maggard, of Maggard, Ky.



There is likely not a person in Letcher county as much as twelve or fifteen years old to whom this face is not familiar. There is scarcely a creek or branch of any account in the county on which he has not been standing as in the picture, bible in hand, and trying to point out to lost sinners the way of life and salvation.

He is nearing the three score and ten mile-post on life's journey and as he declines in physical vigor his many friends and followers (for he is a recognized leader) consider that he grows stronger in the work that bears most heavily on his heart, that of standing on Zion's walls and crying aloud and sparing not. He began preaching thirty-six years ago the fourth Sunday in next month, August, his first attempt being in the old meeting house on Big Cowan, church of Old Regular Baptists of which he has been pastor for many years and the church of his membership.

Believing there are many readers of the Eagle who would like to have a picture of him and see a sketch in the Industrial Edition concerning his life and labors we gladly take advantage of this opportunity to write him up, believing that many grateful hearts will echo "amen" to even so slight an expression of appreciation in regard to him.

No one will be more surprised than he when he finds this article and his picture in the paper, as this is being stolen on him, the writer being in possession of the picture, made on top of Ozark mountains in Southwest Missouri in the year 1904 where he had gone in answer to a call from a church in distress. It was the writer's pleasure to accompany him and two others on the trip which was to the whole company a most enjoyable affair, engaged as we were in a labor of love, and when the friends in Missouri find this write up and picture many a heart will beat faster and many an eye will moisten.

Believing as we do that we should strew flowers to friends along life's pathway instead of saving all flowers to place sorrowfully on the graves of departed loved ones, we have yielded to the inclination to try to at least make duller the thorns in the pathway of our dear old friend (and father we might almost call him) by scattering this garland by the way. And we feel that surely, notwithstanding he dislikes notoriety, he will appreciate the spirit in which it is done by his humble friend,

J. P. ADAMS.

There are so many of our people who have never before realized the good work done by the Eagle and we know that this issue will open their eyes. Show your appreciation by subscribing for a whole year—the price is \$1 per year in advance.



Mr. Mayo and Other Capitalists Inspecting Coal Opening.

## A Well Known Physician.



Dr. John Dishman Fitzpatrick.

Dr. John Dishman Fitzpatrick is the youngest and now only living son of the late Attorney James B. Fitzpatrick once one of our best known citizens. He was born at Whitesburg, Ky. and for the first few years of his life was a close student in school. When about grown he secured a teacher's certificate and for several years was one of our very best teachers. By strict economy he saved enough money to enter the University of Louisville, Medical Department, and in 1904 graduated from that institution and at once entered upon

the practice of medicine with an unconquerable zeal. He was a success from the beginning and today has a large practice in all sections of the country. When Dr. Fitzpatrick entered upon his career he was poor but today he is worth considerable money being among the best-do of our young men. He is part owner of the Fitzpatrick and Venters Drug store the second institution of the kind at this place. At this time Dr. Fitzpatrick is very favorably mentioned as a probable candidate for County Judge of Letcher county to be voted for in November.

## Prominent Physician and Surgeon.



Dr. P. Y. Pursifull.

Dr. Paschal Young Pursifull was born in Bell county, Ky., in 1879. He was reared at Pineville and educated in the public and private schools of Bell county and other contingent territory. Dr. Pursifull's father was at one time one among the best civil engineers and draftsmen in Eastern Kentucky. He was connected with a number of other financial and business institutions, being a banker, merchant and at one time a large dealer in real estate. His mother was a daughter of Eld. Knox Hurst, of Tennessee. In 1901 Dr. Pursifull entered the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville and was graduated from that institution in 1904 and since then has been ardently and successfully practicing his profession. About three years ago accompanied by

his young wife, who was a Miss Gorman, he came to Letcher county and located at Whitesburg. At that time he was almost a total stranger here, but by his genteel manners and common every-day way he soon had a host of friends on every hand. He started the first drug store at this place which has been a success from the beginning. Dr. Pursifull, notwithstanding his non-acquaintance in the county at the time of his arrival, has built up a good practice. Some time ago Dr. Pursifull became a member of the Baptist church at this place. He is alive to everything that tends to develop and moralize our people and the mountains. He has two interesting children. We bespeak for Dr. Pursifull much success in the future.

## Enoch W. Frazier.

On account of the work of a poor artist we are unable to present to our readers the picture of the subject of this sketch. However, he is one of our best young business men. He is a son of Zach Frazier, of the Linefork section, and a fair representative of the well known Frazier family in this county. Enoch Frazier is

about twenty-five years old and a member of the firm of Frazier Bros., merchants of Linefork. He has been employed for several years as the trusted and popular salesman of the firm of Lewis Bros., the big merchants at Whitesburg. He has a bright and prospective business future before him.

## Popular Sandlicker



I. N. Lewis.

The subject of this sketch and whose likeness is shown above is a worthy citizen of Sandlick and lives near Whitesburg. He was born about thirty-eight years ago on Poor Fork of Cumberland and is a son of John J. Lewis, a well-to-do citizen of the county. Mr. Lewis married Lizzie, the daughter of the late Joseph S. Fairchild. He is one of our very best citizens and has a family of intelligent children, some of whom are very near grown. Mr. Lewis is very much a candidate for County Judge of Letcher county.

When you get your copy of this the big Industrial Edition of the Mountain Eagle look it over carefully and try to realize the great expense and vast amount of work it took to get out such a paper and then maybe you'll do the right thing by paying that back subscription or by paying a year in advance.

## A Young Physician

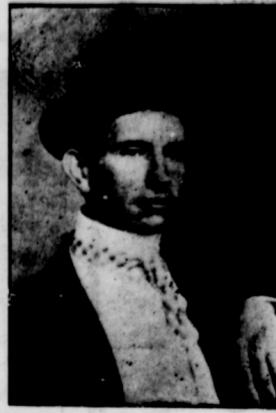


Dr. David M. Fields.

Dr. Fields is perhaps the youngest practicing physician in the county. He is a son of M. C. Fields a merchant of Kings creek and a son-in-law of Stephen Adams of Little Cowan. Dr. Fields like most of our young professional and business men was educated in the public and private schools of the county and taught in the county schools for a number of years. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Louisville from which he graduated in 1907. Since his graduation Dr. Fields has entered rapidly upon the practice of his profession. Being sober, discreet, intelligent and honest he has bright prospects for a successful professional career before him.

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## Prominent Teacher



M. M. Martin.

The above is a good reproduction of the face and features of Prof. M. M. Martin, formerly a leading teacher of Letcher county, now located at Walsh, Greenup county. He was thoroughly educated in the public and private schools of Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia. Early he engaged in teaching, then he entered a business college at Memphis, Tenn., and after graduation was employed as principal for one year in the college. Being fired with ambition to do more work for the mountains of his youth he resigned his position and came back here to engage in the work. At present he is actively engaged in this profession.

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## A Popular Physician.



Dr. James Monroe Bentley

Dr. J. M. Bentley was born in Letcher county in 1876 and was educated in the public and private schools. Like most every other young man who amounts to anything in the mountains he entered the profession of teaching till he could get a foothold. For five years he followed this profession. Then he entered the Medical Department of the University of Louisville and in 1906 was graduated from that institution. Coming back to his native county he located at Whitesburg and ever since has been an earnest and successful practitioner. He has built up a good practice and is popular all over the county. He is a son of Hon. R. B. Bentley, of this place. He married a daughter of the late Isom Gibson, of Bottom Fork and they have several bright and interesting children to bless their home.

## A Leading Physician



Dr. James E. Venters.

Dr. James E. Venters the subject of this sketch was born in this county in the year 1876. He attended the public and private schools of the county and in early manhood began the profession of teaching, being for ten years one of our strongest and best teachers. He entered the Southern Normal School at Bowling Green and graduated from that institution with high honors in 1903. He then entered the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville from which institution he graduated in 1906. He then began actively the practice of the medical profession and from that time to this has established for himself a good practice in the profession. Dr. Venters is a son of John Venters a well known citizen of Baker this county and is a son-in-law of Hiram W. Holcomb a good citizen of Boone's Fork. He is a member of the firm of Fitzpatrick and Venters, physicians at this place and proprietors of the Fitzpatrick and Venters Drug store. Dr. Venters comes from an excellent and well known family.

## Isom Stamper.

Among the ancient land marks and first settlers of what is now Letcher county was the late Isom Stamper of Linefork. He was born in Ashe county North Carolina in the year 1805 and settled here sixteen years afterward. At that time the country was full of bears, wild cats and other animals, but instead of running wild after them he set about to improve the county and established homes for his children and generation. At one time in his life he owned 15450 acres of land in Letcher county. Mr. Stamper married a Creech and they succeeded in rearing thirteen children to manhood and womanhood. Uncle Isom died at the age of 95 years surrounded by a large heritage and mourned by thousands of acquaintances all over the country.

## Andrew J. Sturgill

Mr. Sturgill was born in Wise county Virginia in the year 1879 and in early youth moved with his father to Letcher county. He attended the public and private schools of the county and in 1901 graduated from the Tennessee Normal College at Knoxville. Immediately afterward he entered the Naval Service of the United States and was for a number of years located in various parts of the world. Returning to his home county in 1905 he was nominated and elected Clerk of the Letcher county court which position he is now filling. He has made one of the best officers Letcher county has ever had. Mr. Sturgill married the daughter of Spencer Combs a leading citizen of Knott county and they are blessed with two interesting children.

## AN UP-TO-DATE HOSTELRY.



THE "KY" HOTEL, OF WHITESBURG.

The above is a good representation of the old and reliable "KY" Hotel at this place. The proprietor, Col. L. H. N. Salyer, and his estimable wife by their genial hospitality have made this one of the most popular hostleries in the mountains. It is one of the best of buildings and is thoroughly furnished from top to bottom. Those shown in the picture reading from right to left are Col. Salyer, Tyree Salyer, Mrs. Salyer, Clarence Salyer, Miss Lelia Salyer, Miss Effie Salyer, Miss Hannah Caudill

## IN HIS WORKING GARB.



AN EX-LETCHERITE AND HIS WORK-HANDS

The above is not a Letcher county scene yet a greater portion of the persons shown therein are Letcher county's products. The picture is a reproduction of a scene on the farm of Sam T. Webb near Vanceburg, Ky. Its a big strawberry field. This field, together with a nearby smaller one, so we are reliably

informed yielded to its owner this year \$296.19 in clear profits. Beginning at the left the names of those shown are: Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Blair, Miss Vilas Webb, Miss Stevenson, Miss Trula V. Salling, Miss Johnson, Hassell Webb, Miss Johnson, Mr. Sam T. Webb, Miss Shumate, Mrs. Lettie Webb Salling, Mrs. Lizzie

Hicks Webb, Byron Salling, Miss Stout, Miss May Webb. Many of our readers will remember Sam T. Webb, who was a few years ago a popular school teacher of the county. He is now doing well on a good farm near Vanceburg, Lewis county, Ky. He raises all kinds of small fruits, tobacco, etc. This picture was taken June 11, 1909.